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Madrid, Spurs and World Soccer

AMANCIO AMARO (cover picture), coach of Real Madrid, is a man under pressure. Madrid have conceded that Barcelona will win the Spanish league and their recent form doesn't augur well for the domestic cup either.

That leaves the UEFA Cup in which holders Tottenham present formidable opposition. Rumours in Madrid say that many more setbacks and Amancio — appointed only last summer — will be replaced by the Bilbao boss Javier Clemente later in the summer.

Clearly Amancio's future depends heavily on how Madrid fare against Tottenham in a classic tie which falls in the World Soccer spotlight this month.

Few European matches could provide a more "ideal" paring — particularly for the this magazine. World Soccer *was launched in October 1960, marking a British awakening to European club competition thanks to Madrid's scintillating defeat of Eintracht Frankfurt in the Champions' Cup.*

But October 1960 also marked the arrival of perhaps the finest English club side in the Tottenham "double" team inspired by Danny Blanchflower, Dave Mackay, John White and Co.

Madrid beat Tottenham 1-0 in Spain in a testimonial game for long-serving defender Gregorio Benito earlier this season. But that was just "practice". The forthcoming European clash promises to be special for all of us!

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That treble is more than just a dream

EUROPE'S clubs can't wait to get back into quarter-final action.
LESLIE VERNON reports

TIBOR NYILASI, Hungarian star of FK Austria, said it all: "I don't like playing against English teams. They don't give you any room in the penalty area and they never lose concentration in defence. They are very strong physically and they fight for every ball.

Nyilasi and his Austrian team face holders Liverpool in the quarter-finals of the Champions' Cup. But his sentiments are shared by players from Hungary, Holland and Spain.

They all fuel my belief that a glorious, unprecedented English treble is a real possibility in the three European club tournaments. Liverpool, Everton, Tottenham and Manchester United present a very strong foursome and the draw worked out extremely well.

QUARTER FINAL DRAW
(March 6 and 20)

Champions' Cup: **F.K. Austria v LIVERPOOL (Holders), Juventus v Sparta Praha, Bordeaux v Dnepr, IFK Gothenburg v Panathinaikos.**

Cup-winners' Cup: **EVERTON v Fortuna Sittard, Larisa v Moscow Dynamo, Bayern Munich v Roma, Rapid Vienna v Dynamo Dresden.**

UEFA Cup: **MANCHESTER UNITED v Videoton, Zeljeznicar Sarajevo v Dynamo Minsk, International v Köln, TOTTENHAM (holders) v Real Madrid.**

THE ENGLISH CHALLENGE
How they reached the quarter-finals . . .

LIVERPOOL : Champions' Cup
1-0 away v Lech Pozan
Wark
4-0 home v Lech Poznan
Wark 3, Walsh
Liverpool 5-0 on agg
3-1 home v Benfica
Rush 3
0-1 away v Benfica
Liverpool 3-2 on agg

EVERTON: Cup-winners' Cup
0-0 away v University College Dublin
1-0 home v University College Dublin
Sharp
Everton 1-0 on agg
1-0 away v Inter Bratislava
Bracewell
3-0 home v Inter Bratislava
Sharp, Sheedy, Heath
Everton 4-0 on agg

MANCHESTER UNITED: UEFA Cup
3-0 home v Györ
Robson, Muhren, Hughes
2-2 away v Györ
Brazil, Muhren
United 5-2 on agg
0-0 away v PSV Eindhoven
1-0 home v PSV Eindhoven
Strachan
United 1-0 on agg
2-2 home v Dundee
Strachan, Robson
3-2 away v Dundee United
Hughes, McGinnis own goal, Muhren
United 5-4 on agg

TOTTENHAM: UEFA Cup
3-0 away v Sporting Braga
Falco 2, Galvin
6-0 home v Sporting Braga
Stevens, Hughton, Crooks 3, Falco
Tottenham 9-0 on agg
1-2 away v Brugge
Allen
3-0 home v Brugge
Hazard, Allen, Roberts
Tottenham 4-2 on agg
2-0 home v Bohemians Praha
Ondra own goal, Stevens
1-1 away v Bohemians Praha
Falco
Tottenham 3-1 on agg

Obviously, there are good continental teams left in the field with some titanic clashes in prospect.

In the Champions' Cup, Liverpool travel to Vienna for the first leg to face Austria, leaders of the League. They are prolific goalscorers and have a sound defence, with the veteran Koncilia still present between the posts. But Austrian teams have brittle temperaments, and won't relish the hard tackling of the English side.

Also last season, Austria Vienna were beaten in the UEFA Cup by Tottenham in an exhilarating tie, and Liverpool are rated higher than Tottenham in Austria.

But Liverpool have their weaknesses as well. They are unable to score goals in important cup ties, and their off-side tactics are fraught with danger when playing abroad, where indulgent referees let the play continue when its a question of a hairline decision.

Kenny Daglish will not be available for this tie because of suspension, and without him, much of the guile of the Liverpool attack is going out of the window. However, I trust John Wark and Ian Rush will come to the aid of the party, and to score the necessary goals to see the English team through.

Liverpool's main rivals in this competition

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REAL MADRID CLUB DE FUTBOL

Founded: 1902.
Colours: All white.
Stadium: Estadio Bernabeu (90,200).
President: Luis De Carlos.
Coach: Amancio Amaro.
World Club Cup: 1960. Runners-up 1966.
European Champions' Cup: 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1966. Runners-up 1962, 1964, 1981.
Cup-winners' Cup: Runners-up 1971 and 1983.
Other sports; Basketball, handball, athletics, indoor football, gymnastics, tennis, swimming, table tennis and petanque.

HOW THEY REACHED THE QUARTER-FINALS

5-0 home v SSW Innsbruck
Michel 2, Santillana, Juanito, Butragueno
0-2 away v SSW Innsbruck
Real Madrid 5-2 on agg

1-3 away v Rijeka (Yugoslavia)
Isidro
3-0 home v Rijeka
Juanito, Santillana, Valdano
Real Madrid 4-3 on agg

0-3 away v Anderlecht (Belgium, holders)
6-1 home v Anderlecht
Butragueno 3, Sanchis, Valdano 2
Real Madrid 6-4 on agg

In all European competition Real Madrid have played 183 games, winning 105, drawing 29, losing 49; goals scored 413, against 199. Only Barcelona (185) have played more European games.

REAL MADRID IN ENGLAND

Apr 25, 1957: 2-2 v Manchester United (CC semi, 2nd leg).
Oct 17, 1957: 2-3 v Wolves (friendly)
Oct 1, 1959: 6-1 v Manchester United (friendly)
Oct 13, 1960: 3-2 v Manchester United (friendly)
Dec 13, 1961: 1-3 v Manchester United (friendly)
Apr 18, 1962: 4-3 v Crystal Palace (friendly)
Sep 13, 1962: 4-0 v Arsenal (friendly)
Apr 24, 1963: 2-2 v Stoke (friendly)
Nov 22, 1966: 0-2 v Chelsea (friendly)
Apr 24, 1968: 0-1 v Manchester United (CC semi, 1st leg)
Sep 9, 1973: 0-1 v Ipswich (UC 1st rnd, 1st leg)
Oct 22, 1975: 1-4 v Derby County (CC 2nd rnd, 1st leg)
Aug 6, 1978: 0-4 v Manchester United (centenary match)

A magical, one-off forward line for a Madrid testimonial: Raymond Kopa, Amancio, Di Stefano, Puskas and Gento.

REAL MADRID TODAY

by Keir Radnedge

REAL MADRID hold a unique status in world football despite their current domestic crisis.

Not only are they probably the most famous club in the game, they hold the record of Champions' Cup triumphs (five in a row from the first final in 1956, then another success in 1966); they were, in 1960, the first club to win the World Club championship; above all, perhaps, Madrid were the club whose lustre "made" the European club scene what it is today.

In domestic terms in Spain they have not been so successful of late by the standards which brought a record 20 championships and 15 cups.

Yet their place in history is unquestioned and — as the presence in their squad of West Germany's Uli Stielike, Argentina's Jorge Valdano and Spain's Jose Camacho and Carlos Santillana illustrates — Madrid still seek the class players which will keep the trophies rolling in.

Madrid are a club with deep roots in the international aspect of football. Not only were they hosts to the 1982 World Cup Final, when Italy beat West Germany 3-1 in the Estadio Bernabeu, but Madrid were represented at the very founding of FIFA.

That historic meeting in Paris in 1904 was held before the formal setting-up of a Spanish federation. So Spain were represented by Carlos Padros, a Madrid committee member.

The club, then plain Madrid FC, had been founded by students in the late 1890s, becoming official in March 1902. One of the earliest figures was an Englishman named Arthur Johnson. He was player/coach and such was his enthusiasm for football that on the day of his wedding he left the reception early so as not to miss that afternoon's football match.

In 1920 the club were granted the prefix Real, meaning Royal, by King Alfonso XIII and were among the first to introduce professionalism.

In 1927-28 Madrid were among the founder members of the Spanish first division, from which they have never been relegated. This is a proud record Madrid share in common with current Spanish champions Bilbao and with . . . Barcelona, Madrid's most bitter rivals.

The watershed year in Madrid's development was 1943. That was when a former player, coach and secretary of the club became president.

His name was Santiago Bernabeu and he had a dream of seeing his club playing the most beautiful football in the world in the world's most beautiful stadium. At that time their Chamartin ground was falling down around their ears and held just 14,000 at a squeeze. By 1949, thanks to Bernabeu's financial imagination, a fund-raising membership scheme had financed a new stadium with a 75,000 capacity.

By the mid-1950s further fund-raising had increased capacity to 125,000 and turned the Estadio Bernabeu into one of the world's most famous. Extra seating means capacity is now 90,200 at a ground which has staged football's most prestigious events — the World Cup Final, the European championship final (1964), the World Club Cup (1960, 1964 and 1966) and Champions' Cup final (1957, 1969 and 1980).

Bernabeu brought in the best administrators. But the names which will be remembered are those of the great players. Argentina's all-action centre-forward Alfredo Di Stefano was the first among equals — playing "total football" 20 years before Johan Cruyff's Ajax team "discovered" it. Then there was Hungary's Ferenc Puskas; Raymond Kopa and Lucien Muller from France; Canario and Didi from Brazil; Jose Santamaria from Uruguay; Günter Netzer, Paul Breitner and latterly Stielike from West Germany, and so the list goes on.

Madrid reached a peak in 1960 with the brilliant 7-3 demolition of Eintracht Frankfurt in the European Cup final at Hampden. Puskas scored four goals, Di Stefano three.

Then the decline. Madrid were European runners-up in 1962 and 1964, then briefly regained the Champions' Cup with a 2-1 win over Partizan of Yugoslavia in 1966. Star left-winger Francisco Gento was the captain but the attacking inspiration was an inside-right named Amancio — who is now Madrid's coach. Another 1966 winner, midfielder Jose Pirri, now holds senior rank in Madrid's medical staff.

In the other European competitions Madrid have not shone anything like as brightly. In the Cup-winners' Cup they were runners-up to Chelsea in 1971 and to Aberdeen in 1983. Indeed, British clubs have caused Madrid big-match problems over recent years. In 1981, when they returned to the Champions' Cup final — with Laurie Cunningham in their ranks! — it was only to suffer a 1-0 defeat at the hands of Liverpool in Paris.

After finishing league runners-up in three out of the last four domestic campaigns, Madrid have now conceded the 1985 title race to Terry Venables's Barcelona. But, as Anderlecht found out in the UEFA Cup third round, that may just make them even more determined to make amends in Europe!

THE COACH

AMANCIO. Full name: Amancio Amaro Varela. Aged 45 and a one-time star outside- or inside-right with Real Madrid and the Spanish national team, for whom he won 42 caps.

Amancio was born in La Coruna, in the north-west corner of Spain and Madrid pipped Barcelona to his signature in 1962. One of his first appearances for Madrid was in North London — but at Highbury in a pre-season friendly against Arsenal.

An artistic, individualistic player, Amancio was a key figure in Spain's 1964 European championship victory and that same year was placed third in the European Footballer of the Year poll. Two years later he scored one of the goals in Madrid's 2-1 Champions' Cup final victory over Partizan Belgrade.

He was joint top scorer in the Spanish league in 1968 and 1969 and was nine times a champion of Spain with Madrid before retiring in 1976. He was immediately taken on to the youth coaching staff and, three years ago, was appointed chief coach to the club's affiliated second division nursery team, Castilla.

Last season they achieved undreamed-of success in winning the second division championship. Castilla couldn't be promoted because of their tie-up with Madrid . . . but Amancio was. Madrid's president, Luis De Carlos, summoned him to succeed Alfredo Di Stefano last summer as club coach. Among the first-team squad Amancio caught up with some of the young stars whose careers he had played a key role in developing — men such as midfielder Michel and Sanchis and forwards Martin Vazquez and, the best of all, Emilio Butragueno.

Amancio has come under a lot of pressure this season because of Madrid's failure to challenge Barcelona more tenaciously in the league.

THE PLAYERS

MIGUEL ANGEL. Full name: Miguel Angel Gonzalez. Goalkeeper. Aged 37/18 caps for Spain. Club captain who joined Madrid 15 years ago from a small northern club, Orense. Miguel Angel was Spain's goalkeeper for the 1978 World Cup in Argentina and a reserve for the finals in Spain four years later. He then went into semi-retirement, was nearly transferred, but has re-emerged from the shadows to regain his place.

OCHOTORENA. Full name: Jose Manuel Ochotorena. Goalkeeper. Aged 24. Born in San Sebastian but has come up through the Madrid youth system. Ochotorena was promoted from Madrid's second division team, Castilla, to the senior squad last summer. He is current first reserve because Agustin, the usual deputy, is both under European suspension and recovering from injury.

JUAN JOSE. Full name: Juan Jose Jimenez . Right-back. 27/4. Signed from Cadiz, right under Barcelona's nose when they thought they had him signed and sealed, three years ago. A member of the Madrid team beaten in extra-time by Aberdeen in the 1983 Cup-winners' Cup final in Gothenburg.

BONET. Full name: Francisco Bonet. Centre-back. 25/4. Suffered a serious leg injury in a league game against Santander in September and may not be fit to face Spurs — a serious blow, since he is rated one of Spain's most resilient defenders. Signed from first division Elche three years ago.

CAMACHO. Full name: Jose Antonio Camacho. Full-back. 29/56. One of Spain's national team regulars. Camacho was nearly lost to football as the result of a knee ligament injury suffered in training in 1978. He missed the World Cup finals that year and all the next season but returned in time to play against Liverpool in the 1981 Champions' Cup final and in the finals of the 1982 World Cup. Camacho has played in midfield and the centre of defence. Youth product.

SAN JOSE. Full name: Isidoro San Jose. Utility defender. 29/13. Like Camacho, his career also included a spell of more than a year on the sidelines because of knee ligament trouble. Moved up to the first team squad from Castilla in 1976 and two years later was playing for Spain in the World Cup finals in Argentina.

FRAILE. Full name: Alfonso Fraile. Central defender. Aged 25. Joined Madrid in 1982 from the city's "third" club, Rayo Vallecano.

CHENDO. Full name: Miguel Portlan. Right-back. Aged 23. "Promoted" from Castilla two years ago. Under-21 international.

SANCHIS. Full name: Manuel Sanchis. Defence and midfield. Aged 19. One of Madrid's most promising youngsters who moved up from Castilla in the middle of last season. Sanchis played against England in the final of the European under-21 championship last season. His father, also named Manuel Sanchis, was a Madrid star in the 1960s who won a European Cup medal in 1966 and, that same year, scored a memorable solo goal for Spain against Switzerland at Hillsborough in the World Cup finals.

GALLEGO. Full name: Ricardo Gallego. Midfield. 26/18. Can play midfield or sweeper. Missed the 1981 European Cup final because of injury but was on the losing side against Aberdeen in the Cup-winners' final two years ago. Scored a fine

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Di Stefano the master

REAL MADRID, circa 1985, are not a bad side as the game goes today, but like Benfica, to name just one other side, they have lived too long in their past glories.

There was a time when no British side could have touched Madrid, but those days, personified by "El Aleman", as the Spaniards called Alfredo Di Stefano, are long gone.

Raimondo Saporta, then the treasurer, and later briefly the president of Real Madrid, got it right in Amsterdam, after the 1962 European Cup Final. Benfica had beaten Madrid 5-3, and Saporta said: "The days of the Super-Real, the legendary club of great wealth are over. There was a time when we would have bought Pele, but not now. Di Stefano made Real Madrid, and when Di Stefano goes, Real Madrid will go."

In season 1955-56, the European Cup was introduced — without English representation. Madrid, who had played in Paris in 1955 and enchanted everyone while winning the Latin Cup, returned for the 1956 European Final. Man for man, their opponents, Reims, were the better side, but in Di Stefano, Madrid had a match-winner, and won 4-3.

That passed practically unnoticed in England, and I well remember flying back from Paris next morning, buying all the English papers to read during the interminable drive by bus from Heathrow, and finding that only the *Daily Mail* carried the result.

The *Mail* match report, a mere four lines, were all devoted to the English referee! Fortunately for the English, Manchester United entered the European Cup in 1956-57, ignoring pressure from the Football League, and in the semi-finals they were paired with Madrid.

I had been at Maine Road to see United eliminate Bilbao, the reigning Spanish champions, and after that everyone was convinced that the "magnificent Busby Babes" would murder Real Madrid.

Alfredo Di Stefano scoring in the 1960 Champions' Cup Final.

REAL MADRID were the subject of the Club Focus feature in the first edition of World Soccer. ERIC BATTY, who wrote that article looks back at the man who made them special.

The first leg, in Spain, was won 3-1 by Madrid, but the newspapers and TV were telling everyone that United would wipe that reverse off, and win in Manchester.

By then, Madrid had recruited Reims' French international star Raymond Kopa, but the key man was Di Stefano. With everyone expecting an avalanche of goals for United, the crowd was stunned to silence when Madrid scored twice in the first ten minutes, stretching their lead from 3-1 to 5-1, and it was all over. The atmosphere was electric. The fans had been misled and let down by the press, and their hatred of Di Stefano was almost tangible.

Later, with Matt Busby inviting Madrid back year after year, the crowds in Manchester, always a guaranteed sell-out, came to applaud every move the great man made. His reputation became legend, and everywhere he played in Britain, the crowds were close to capacity, even when Third Division Crystal Palace invited them over.

Di Stefano joined Real Madrid in the summer of 1953, and left them for Espanol in July, 1964, when he was 38. Di Stefano claimed seven goals in the first five finals, scoring in every one. Over-

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW

THE PLAYERS who won six European Cups for Real Madrid earned instant fame. But where are some of those star names now?

AMANCIO (Forward. 1966). Current Madrid first-team coach.

LUIS DEL SOL (Inside right. 1960). Left Madrid to play in Italy for Juventus and Roma. Returned to his native Seville on retirement and helped coach Betis youth teams until a recent heart attack put him in hospital.

ALFREDO DI STEFANO (Centre forward. 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960). The inspiration of the golden years who left Madrid in 1964. Returned as first-team coach in 1982, took them to runners-up spot in all three domestic competitions and the Cup-winners' Cup in 1983, and was succeeded by Amancio a year ago. Has just returned to his native Argentina to take over debt-ridden Boca Juniors.

ROGELIO DOMINGUEZ (Goalkeeper. 1959, 1960). Back in his native Argentina, alternating his time between coaching appointments — one with Racing Club of Buenos Aires — and the family business.

FRANCISCO GENTO (Outside left. 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1966). The only player to appear in all six European Cup-winnng teams. Retired in 1971, held a couple of disastrous coaching appointments and is now out of the game.

RAMON GROSSO (Centre forward. 1966). Current first-team assistant coach to Amancio.

RAYMOND KOPA (Right wing. 1957, 1958, 1959). Undisputed as the greatest of all French footballers — until Michel Platini came along. Kopa began his career with Reims, moved to Madrid then ended his career with Reims and is now a senior official with the Le Coq Sportif Sportswear compay.

MARQUITOS (Centre and right back. 1956, 1957, 1959, 1960). Still occasionally involved in football as TV or radio summariser. His son is Barcelona's Spanish international winger, Marcos.

ENRIQUE MATEOS (Inside right. 1957, 1959). Missed a penalty in the 1959 European final against Reims. After retiring as a player he turned to coaching but without any major success. Recently appointed boss of third division Orihuela.

MIGUEL MUNOZ (Right half. 1956, 1957). Scored Madrid's first goal in European competition — against Servette in Switzerland in 1955 — and captained their first winning team in the finals of 1956 and 1957. Coach to the Madrid teams who won the European Cup in 1960 and 1966. Now manager to Spain.

PACHIN (Full back. 1960, 1966). Recently appointed coach to third division Levante.

PIRRI (Midfield. 1966). Madrid's captain in the mid-1970s and now on the club's medical staff after qualifying as a doctor.

FERENC PUSKAS (Inside left. 1960). One of the all-time greats though nothing like as successful as a coach. Guided Panathinaikos of Greece to the 1971 Cup final where they lost to Ajax. Most recently coaching in Port Said, Egypt.

HECTOR RIAL (Inside left. 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959). Still remembered as the inside forward whose astute passes "made" Gento a star. Has since wandered the world as a coach, including Saudi Arabia, Colombia and Paraguay.

ANTONIO RUIZ (Left half. 1959). Stayed on the Madrid coaching staff after retirement for several years before "going solo". Recently sacked by Elche at the bottom of the Spanish first division.

JOSE SANTAMARIA (Centre back. 1958, 1959, 1960). Former Uruguayan and Spanish international who later spent five years as coach to Espanol Barcelona and then became manager of Spain in 1980. Was so angered by what he saw, heard and experienced during his unhappy spell in charge at the World Cup finals that he left the game altogether.

MANUEL SANCHIS (Full back. 1966). No longer directly involved in football but his son, also Manuel Sanchis, has lately followed his steps into the Madrid first-team squad.

JOSE MARIA ZARRAGA. (Left half and left back. 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960). Captained Madrid to victory in 1958, 1959 and 1960, Retired in 1963 after a testimonial game against Manchester United and later spent ten years in club administration before becoming disenchanted with the game.

'VULTURE' HUNTS FOR GOALS

by Keir Radnedge

ON FEBRUARY 5 last year Spanish football fans first began to take seriously a young man named Emilio Burtragueno.

He was, at that time, 22-goal top scorer in the Spanish second division. But the gap between second and first divisions is commonly acknowledged as vast, so few fans had given his name serious thought.

True, he had scored the goal which beat Holland in a European under-21 qualifier and propelled Spain into the quarter finals. But no one in Spain — bar national boss Miguel Munoz and his aides — takes the under-21 team seriously, so Butragueno had hardly set the country alight.

In fact, if anything it was his nickname El Buitre — a play on words and which means The Vulture — which had brought his fame rather than his goals.

He played for Castilla, the second division team run as a nursery side by Real Madrid. Castilla were top of the division. But then, that wasn't taken seriously either. In Spain no nursery team may play in the same league as their parent club. So Castilla, even if they won the second division (which they did) could never gain promotion.

All along the line, no one would take Butragueno seriously. Even as a youth player he had once been advised by a famous coach to "stick to basketball." But then, he doesn't really have the height!

And then his luck changed. It's an ill wind that blows nobody any good. Real Madrid hit an injury crisis. Defence was the first line struck, so the then coach Alfredo Di Stefano promoted from the Castilla team a young fullback named Manuel Sanchis. He was followed through a little later by a young Castilla midfielder, Rafael Martin Vazquez. And a winger, Miguel Pardeza.

On top of all that, as more players reported injured, so Di Stefano realised that these three were not enough. In Spain transfers are not allowed during the season — except between parent clubs and their nurseries. So Di Stefano had no alternative but to send for Butragueno.

It was the right decision. But ultimately, ironically, it would help cost Di Stefano his job. Like the other youngsters Butragueno would prove an instant success. So when, at the season's end, Di Stefano's contract expired, Madrid decided to release him and send for the man who had brought on all these youngsters: Castilla coach Amancio.

'The Vulture' had all Spain sitting up immediately. On February 5 Madrid were away to Cadiz. And struggling. At half-time they were 2-0 down and Di Stefano decided that the match was lost; he might as well give substitute Butragueno a little first division experience.

But Butragueno specialises in lost causes. On the hour he pulled one goal back. With two minutes remaining Madrid equilised, and 60 seconds later he had popped up again to grab the winner. Emilio Butragueno had arrived!

The next week, against Zaragoza, Madrid won 1-0 with a goal from a penalty by Juanito after a foul on Butragueno. He was appearing almost everywhere. He nipped back to Castilla briefly to score in a cup-tie against Las Palmes and was then named in Spain's squad for the Olympic qualifiers (They failed to reach Los Angeles).

At the season's end he was just about to put his feet up for a rest after his toughest season so far when he was ordered to join up with the national squad en route to France for the finals of the European championship. Betis striker Hipolito Rincon had been injured in a 1-1 draw against Hungary just ten days before the opening match.

Butragueno duly rushed off to France. He didn't get a game but he wasn't surprised or disappointed. He just soaked up the international atmosphere and experience and when Spain did name him — for October's World Cup qualifier against Wales — he responded with a brilliant solo goal in the last minute.

He played again, as a second-half substitute, in the 3-1 Hampden defeat by Scotland a month later, even though he was starting to struggle in the league.

Butragueno had thus scored just two goals in 15 league games when Anderlecht visited Madrid the other week in the UEFA Cup. The Belgians, runaway, high-scoring league leaders in their own country, held a 3-0 lead from the first leg of this third-round tie. Madrid coach Amancio admitted publicly that he knew this was a lost cause but that "if the crowd get behind us, you never know . . . "

And he brought back to the team, after a brief rest, that specialist in lost causes, Butragueno.

Three minutes and Sanchis headed Madrid into the lead: 16 minutes, and Argentine World Cup forward Jorge Valdano escaped his marker and centred for Butragueno to head No 2; 29 minutes, and Valdano levelled the agrregate score; 33 minutes and Per Frimann put Anderlecht back in control. But not for long. Valdano scored another for Madrid just before half-time.

They went in at the interval to the sustained applause of a 94,000 capacity crowd. But, while leading 4-1, the aggregate was still 4-4 and Anderlecht held the advantage of an away goal. Not for long.

Two minutes after the restart veteran fullback Jose Camacho advanced up the left and Butragueno scored in the confusion. Two more minutes and there he was again, this time to capitalise on a blunder by the Danish sweeper Morten Olsen.

For Madrid that goal spelled a 6-1 victory (6-4 on aggregate) and a quarter-final tie next March against UEFA Cup-holders Tottenham. For Butragueno that goal spelled a hat-trick and headlines around Europe.

The pace at which he is growing up in the international game will be tested to the extreme by Graham Roberts, Paul Miller and Co in March. But Butragueno knows all about them. After all, it was he who created Madrid's winner against Tottenham in a testimonial match in Spain earlier this season . . .

Emilio Butragueno . . . The Vulture.

Euro-cups quarter final previews

SPURS FINE RECORD

by Mike Walters

IT LOOKED as if Belgian aces Anderlecht were going to turn Keith Burkinshaw's victorious leaving party into a funeral farewell.

Tottenham were desperate to hand Peter Shreeves' predecessor in the White Hart Lane hot-seat a fitting reminder of his spell in charge of the North London giants — the UEFA Cup.

Paul Miller's header had given them a priceless away goal and a 1-1 draw in the first leg in Brussels, and 46,000 fans had come to the second leg of the final expecting Spurs to add the UEFA Cup to their trophy cabinet and trigger huge celebrations along the Seven Sisters Road one warm summer night last year.

But Czerniatynski's second-half bolt from the blue meant Spurs, who thought they'd done the hard part in Belgium, had yet to scale the biggest mountain on their rocky path through Europe last season, which included riots in Rotterdam and a fan being shot dead in a Brussels red light district before the final's first leg.

When Osvaldo Ardiles crashed a shot against the Anderlecht woodwork with six minutes left, Tottenham's UEFA Cup charge, which had accounted for Bayern Munich and Hadjuk Split among others, appeared to have run out of steam on the last lap.

But never-say-die Graham Roberts, deputising as captain for suspended Steve Perryman, sent the tie into a fruitless period of extra time and a sudden-death shoot-out from the penalty spot.

That was the stage upon which reserve goalkeeper Tony Parks made a brilliant save from Gudjohnsen to grab the limelight and hog the headlines; his spectacular, and successful, dive to the right gave the home side an unassailable 4-3 penalty contest lead.

The jubilation which followed were in stark contrast to the long faces of Spurs fans after their side's first trek into the continental amphitheatre to do battle with the Polish side, Gornik Zabrze, on September 13, 1961.

Tottenham journeyed behind the Iron Curtain with the double under their belts and apparently confident they would cope with the best Europe had to offer.

Obviously no one told the Poles of Spurs' domestic reputation, for Bill Nicholson's glory boys found themselves 4-0 down and seemingly out for the count within an hour of the first leg. Cliff Jones and Terry Dyson reduced the arrears, but Spurs' first taste of European action nonetheless looked like being short-lived and painful.

The return leg in front of 60,000 baying White Hart Lane faithful saw a Danny Blanchflower penalty open the floodgates and put Spurs on the road to their first night of European glory; Gornik were left, literally, in pieces of eight as a Jones hat-trick, two from Bobby Smith and one each from Dyson and John White gave the Londoners a remarkable 10-5 aggregate win, as Spurs romped home 8-1 on the night.

Young Frank Saul's double strike gave Tottenham a superb 3-1 win in Rotterdam over Feyenoord in the next round — the springboard for a 4-2 win over two legs — and a 1-0 deficit from the next away trip to Dukla Prague, was wiped out by a stirring 4-1 success at White Hart Lane. Smith and Dave Mackay each hit the bull's eye twice.

The run was ended that year in a pulsating semi-final clash with European Cup-holders, Benfica, Eusebio and all. But it took a mixture of tenacious defending, the woodwork and controversial refereeing to help the crack Porguguese outfit protect a 3-1 first leg lead by holding out for a 2-1 defeat in the second leg in England.

In the 1962-3 season, Spurs failed to stay the distance in the league, taking only eight points from the last ten games — but lifting the European Cup-winners Cup proved ample consolation.

The path to the final was short; Glasgow Rangers proved easy meat in the first round (8-4 on aggregate), and Slovan Bratislava were hit for six at White Hart Lane in the next (6-2 on aggregate). OFK Belgrade were brushed aside 5-2 on aggregate in the semi-finals, leaving Spaniards Atletico Madrid between Tottenham and the cup.

Mackay was ruled out in Rotterdam by a stomach injury and Nicholson gambled heavily by playing a half-fit Blanchflower, who missed half of the season after having a cartilage removed (courtesy of zealous Rangers tackling in the first round).

Dyson played the game of his life and with Jimmy Greaves also scoring twice Spurs charged to a 5-1 success and their first piece of European silverware. In truth, it was not as easy as the score suggests, for at 2-1 Tottenham were pegged back for a nerve-racking 20 minutes, and it took Dyson's freak 25-yarder to calm frayed Spurs nerves.

The defence of the trophy was ended at the first hurdle by English rivals Manchester United, of all people (4-3 on aggregate).

It was 1967-8 before Spurs boarded another cross-channel ferry or flight, courtesy of their 2-1 FA Cup win over London neighbours Chelsea at Wembley.

In each of the first two rounds of the Cup-winners Cup, Spurs won the second leg at home 4-3; on the first occasion it gave them a 6-3 aggregate win over Hadjuk Split, but on the second it allowed the Frenchmen of Olympique Lyonnais to squeeze through on the away goals rule. Spurs had gone down by the only goal of the first leg in France.

In 1970-1, Tottenham's North London rivals, Arsenal, did the double; Spurs settled for third in the league.

The following season Keflavik were sent packing 15-1 over two legs, Nantes by the considerably lesser margin of 1-0, Rapid Bucharest of Rumania 5-0 and UT Arad 3-1, as Spurs progressed to the semi-finals of the UEFA Cup without undue concern or technicalhitches.

In the last four, they were paired with Italian giants AC Milan, with Spurs asked to run the gauntlet of 70,000 screeching Italians in the San Siro stadium for the second leg. Milan opened the scoring at White Hart Lane, but two strikes from Steve Perryman, the second from fully 30 yards, gave the Londoners a slender lead to take to Italy, where they held on for a slightly fortuitous 1-1 draw.

Wolves provided the opposition in the two-leg, all-English final. Martin Chivers rose to meet a Mike England free kick and put Spurs one up in the first leg before a full house at Molineux. After Jim McCalliog had levelled the scores, it was Chivers who scored arguably the most spectacular goal of his career to send the two teams back to the capital with Tottenham's noses in front.

Before 54,000 noisy fans, Spurs duly lifted their eighth trophy in eight cup finals after Alan Mullery's header gave them a 1-1 draw.

Tottenham enjoyed further nights of European glory in the next two seasons, but Liverpool ended their run in 1973 in the semi-finals (after Spurs had put out Red Star Belgrade), and in 1974, the route to the final included a magnificent win over the Germans of Cologne until the disgraceful scenes in Rotterdam, where they came unstuck in the second leg of their UEFA Cup final with Feyenoord, tarnished the name of Tottenham Hotspur on the Continent.

Spurs were not to appear in Europe again until their European Cup-winners' Cup run of 1981-2 was ended in a bruising semi-final with Barcelona.

Now Spurs tackle another crack Spanish outfit, Real Madrid. For manager Peter Shreeves, the Real test could also prove the yardstick by which his side will be measured as possible heirs to the League championship trophy which — so the faithful will tell you — has been missing from White Hart Lane for far too long.

Spurs' great double-winning team. Back: Brown, Baker, Henry, Blanchflower, Norman, Mackay. Front: Jones, White, Smith, Allen, Dyson.

Keith's revolution

from TONY SMITH in Bahrain

WHILE Tottenham are making headlines in Europe again, the man who guided them to their UEFA Cup triumph last season, Keith Burkinshaw, has spearheaded a major revolution in Bahrain.

The 49-year-old Yorkshireman is on a two-year contract as national coach at a reported salary of £60,000-a-year tax free. So results are expected — and quickly.

Bahrain football which used to figure near the top of any Gulf League table, is now struggling to keep up with Kuwait, Qatar and Saudi Arabia. So Burkinshaw knew he faced a tough challenge.

Typical of his attitude to the job was his early arrival in Bahrain to make the difficult settling-in period smoother. He spent his first two weeks on the island watching at least one match a day.

He was accompanied by former Spurs colleagues Robbie Stepney, his assistant in Bahrain, and physiotherapist George McCallister who has played a vital role in Bahrain's football revolution. The trio were seen together everywhere football was being played.

After his assessment period Burkinshaw called a meeting of all the club and senior FA officials to announce his blueprint for future success.

Burkinshaw had said: "My priority is to know as many players as possible on the island, to put together a national squad, a youth squad and a junior squad."

After a month's assessment of the state of Bahrain football, he decided he had to make a more basic approach, starting from the bottom.

There were no proper league fixtures for the season, league matches were played on artificial surfaces, injuries were a major concern and organisation of all the national squads was unsatisfactory with no regular training.

Burkinshaw's plan was to play all Premier Division league matches on the two grass stadiums on the island — the 30,000 all-seater national stadium and the one at the top club Muharraq. This was aimed at producing more attractive football and cutting down injuries.

"Bahrain football was a bit negative-minded about the way they played the game and the injury situation was horrendous, the worst I have ever seen in my football career," explained Burkinshaw.

Fixtures were drawn up for the season — although there was a break during December — the premier division matches being played every Thursday and Friday on the grass surfaces, the national squads meeting every week for training sessions. The football revolution on the field had started.

Just as important off the field was the setting up of a treatment centre for injuries under the control of George McCallister. Burkinshaw himself helps out six mornings a week.

Burkinshaw's changes have generally been welcomed although there have been problems with players not turning up for national squad training. Bahrain's skipper and goalkeeper Hamood Sultan — the best known player on the island — was dropped from the senior squad for failing to show up for the first four training sessions.

The switch to grass has resulted in a more open and attacking style, the number of goals has doubled, gates are up, injuries are down.

Now Burkinshaw will concentrate on the national team. In March Bahrain play their first Asian Group qualifying matches in the World Cup.

Bahrain are in the same sub-group as South Yemen and Iran, and if they get through they could face Olympic finalists Saudi Arabia and 1982 World Cup finalists Kuwait.

Burkinshaw is a realist, he knows that it will be extremely difficult for Bahrain. He said: "We have to think and believe that we can do it. Logically it is not on, but we will be working hard."

Euro-cups quarter final previews

Liverpool must face FK Austria

THERE IS to be no cooling-off period in the recently strained relations between British and Austrian football.

After the scandal of the Cup-winners' Cup tie between Rapid Vienna and Glasgow Celtic, the quarter final draw of the Champions' Cup matched holders Liverpool against Rapid's fiercest Viennese rivals, FK Austria.

In fact the club's correct name is FK Austria Memphis, "FK" standing for Fussball Klub and Memphis being the brand name of the most popular cigarettes manufactured by their tobacco firm sponsors.

FK Austria are one of the country's oldest clubs and one of the greatest in Central Europe. They were set up in 1911 as the successors of the Wiener Amateursportverein, who had in turn taken over a club founded by the English and called Cricketers, in 1894.

The club owed their original rise to fame to the enthusiasm of Hugo Meisl. Favoured son of a Viennesse banking family, Meisl ran both the club and the youthful Austrian football federation for years. It was no surprise then that FK Austria provided the backbone for the *Wunderteam* — one of Europe's finest national teams in the late 1920s and early 1930s.

But Meisl's FK Austria did not limit their horizons when it came to searching for players. Meisl brought the famous Konrad brothers from the Budapest club MTK, and they became among the first European soccer professionals on the continent.

In 1921 FK Austria won their first major title, the Vienna Cup, now the Austrian Cup. In 1924 came the first championship success. Now the club boast 16 championships (second only to Rapid who have a record 26) and a record 19 cups (Rapid are runners-up on 10).

FK Austria are also the only Austrian club to have reached the final of one of the European club competitions — the Cup-winners' Cup. Here they lost 4-0 to Anderlecht in the 1978 final in the Parc de Princes, Paris.

But FK Austria have a long, proud tradition when it comes to competitive club football, for they played a major role in the success of the pre-war Mitropa Cup.

Today the Mitropa Cup is played out in the backwaters of the European game, between a handful of clubs rewarded for winning promotion to their first division in Italy, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Hungary. But in the late 1920s and the 1930s the Mitropa Cup inspired the excitement the Champions' Cup creates today.

FK Austria were winners in 1933 and 1936 under the influence of one of the country's greatest-ever players, Matthias Sindelar, nicknamed the Man of Paper he was so slim.

Defender Karl Sesta was another star of that era but the *Wunderteam* came to a sad end both from the sporting and personal aspects. After being beaten by Italy in a rough World Cup semi-final in 1934, Meisl's proud team fell slowly apart, disappearing entirely with the Nazi German *Anschluss* of 1938 and Sindelar committed suicide.

When the war was over Austrian football rebuilt remarkably quickly. There were more fine players, especially at FK Austria. Ernst Melchior was a spectacular inside forward, Ernst Ocwirk — nicknamed Clockwork by the British for his energy and power — the last of the great attacking centre-halves, and Karl Fiala and Erich Hof (recently replaced as national manager) were skilled inside forwards in the 1960s.

But in those 1960s Austrian soccer suffered a slump. Crowds fell and many clubs were forced into mergers to survive. Even FK Austria had to merge with the Wiener Athletic Klub and go looking for sponsorship to stay solvent.

First the Anglo Elementar insurance company provided the necessary cash, now it is the Austria Tabak Werke who have helped keep the club afloat since July 1, 1977.

In the summer of 1975 the directors decided to base their efforts on a youth policy. Even they were surprised by the speed at which this produced results, with the league title being regained in 1976 (under former national team stopper Karl Stotz) and then snatched the Cup in 1977.

In 1978 they reached their European final, won the league by more than a dozen points and sent six players to Argentina with the national squad who reached the round of the World Cup finals. Of those six, four went to Spain with Austria in 1982 and three — Erich Obermayer, Ernst Baumeister and Herbert Prohaska — are still with the club.

Plotting Liverpool's downfall is a former Austrian international, Thomas Parits, who knows all about big European occasions. Aged 38, Parits was an outside right who played for the national team and also appeared in the 1978 Cup-winners' Cup final for the national team and also appeared in the 1978 Cup-winners' Cup final for FK Austria.

After a lively career with FK Austria, Köln and Eintracht Frankfurt in West Germany, and then Spain's Granada before his return to FK Austria. He retired from playing in 1980 and was promoted to first team coach last summer.

F.K. AUSTRIA MEMPHIS

Founded: 1911.
Colours: Violet/white.
Stadium: Horr (20,000).
President: Dr Alois Musil.
Coach: Thomas Parits.
Cup-winners' Cup: Runners-up 1978.
League: 1924, 1926, 1949, 1950, 1953, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1969, 1970, 1976, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1984 (16).
Cup: 1921, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1933, 1935, 1936, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1960, 1962, 1963, 1967, 1971, 1974, 1977, 1980, 1982 (19).

HOW THEY REACHED THE QUARTER FINALS

4-0 home v Valletta (Malta)
Prohaska, Polster, Drabits 2
4-0 away v Valletta
Degeorgi, Steinkogler, Orhis 2
FK Austria 8-0 on agg
3-3 away v Dynamo Berlin
Steinkogler, Polkster, Nyilasi
2-1 home v Dynamo Berlin
Prohaska, Nyilasi
FK Austria 5-4 on agg

STARS OF F.K. AUSTRIA

Name	*Position*	*Age*	*Previous club*	*Caps*
Friedl Koncilia	G	37	Anderlecht	80
Franz Wohlfahrt	G	21	St Veit	Under 21
Thomas Ludwig	G	19	Wr. Victoria	—
Johann Dihanich	FB	26	SSW Innsbruck	10
Erich Obermayer	CB	32	FC Wien	49
Karl Daxbacher	CB	31	Statzendorf	6
Franz Zore	D	27	FC St Veit	Under 21
Josef Degiorgi	LB	25	Admira Wacker	17
Robert Frind	D	21	—	Under 21
Josef Heilig	D	22	SV Pilgersdorf	Youth
Hanspeter Frühwirth	D	18	SV Güssing	Youth
Dzemal Mustedanagic	MF	29	Dinamo Zagreb	5 (Yug)
Istvan Magyar	MF	29	Club Brugge (Bel)	16 (Hun)
Herbert Prohaska	MF	29	Roma	75
Anton Pfeffer	MF	19	SV Türnitz	—
Ernst Baumeister	MF	28	Wienerfeld	25
Fritz Frazan	F	28	Eisenstadt	—
Tibor Nyilasi	F	30	Ferencvaros	63 (Hun)
Alfred Drabits	F	25	Wieners SC	2
Anton Polster	F	21	—	4
Andreas ogris	F	20	—	Under 21
Gerhardt Steinkogler	F	25	Grazer AK	5

CAN SWEDES PERFORM THE IMPOSSIBLE?

SWEDISH winners of the Champions' Cup? That's far from impossible seeing that IFK Gothenburg, sensational winners of the UEFA Cup in 1982, are through to the quarter finals.

The "Angels" dismissed Avenir Beggen of Luxembourg in the first round. In the second, they beat Belgium's Beveren only 1-0 at home, and after losing 2-1 away squeezed through on the away goals rule.

This is the first time since the glory days of 1982, that IFK appear ready to stand the test of international opposition on the very highest level.

The main reason is that the team has been kept virtually intact over the close season, the first time this has happened since they won the UEFA cup. Another important factor, of course, is that Torbjörn Nilsson, their magnificent centreforward, is happily resettled after two seasons in West Germany with Kaiserslautern.

He never liked the cold atmosphere of the professional world, and back home appears a far more relaxed and a better player. He showed this in the World Cup qualifier against Portugal in Lisbon where he organised so effectively the Swedish attack and turned the whole pattern of the game. IFK's former coach Björn Westerberg believes that the presence or absence of Torbjörn Nilsson holds the key to the club's Champions' Cup prospects.

Nilsson has twice left IFK and twice returned. His first adventure in foreign football was in the mid-1970s with PSV Eindhoven in Holland,. He was too young and soon went home before moving to West Germany in the general IFK exodus in the summer of 1982.

Coach Sven-Göran Eriksson also went — in his case to Benfica — and took with him midfield dynamo Glenn Strömberg. Centreback Conny Karlsson to Toronto Blizzard.

Eriksson's assistant and friend, Gunde Bengtsson, replaced his former boss. For Strömberg the promising youth product Glenn Schiller was given a place in midfield and for Nilsson the strong and tall Hakan Sandberg was chosen as replacement. He made an almost immediate success of the job, was named in the national team and is now with AEK in Greece.

On the international scene however, the new IFK failed completely and were soon defused.

This was the year the Swedish FA introduced a new formula for the championship. For decades the Allsvenska had been played as any league but now, with falling attendances, a play-off system was added to try to rekindle interest. The eight best teams met one another in a knock-out formula with the winners of the eventual two-legged final being declared champions.

CLUB FOCUS on IFK Gothenburg, the Champions' Cup outsiders. From STEFAN TARRAS and PENTTI HIETANEN.

Hammarby I.F. from Stockholm were IFK's opponents in that first final and after two magnificent games, probably the best between Swedish club teams for two decades, IFK were crowned champions for the first time since 1969.

After this coach Bengtsson went to Vaalerengen of Oslo on a two year contract to be succeeded by a new coach in Björn Westerberg, from Atvidaberg, who brought with him in Stephan Kullberg a calm and intelligent central defender to fill the gap left by Karlsson.

But there were other changes too. In the summer of 1983 the new attacking hero Dan Corneliusson went to Stuttgart and IFK replaced him with Steve Gardner, an Englishman, formerly with Oldham and Ipswich. He had arrived in Sweden at Karlskrona in the summer of 1981 and now two years later, became centreforward of IFK Gothenburg. He didn't get off to a particularly good start, but little by little he began to show some fine qualities, both as a goalscorer and all-round player.

IFK's 1983-84 Champions' Cup dreams were ended prematurely by a fellow Swede: Nils Liedholm, coach of Italy's Roma. IFK lost 0-3 in the Olympic Stadium without really standing a chance. In the return game their 2-1 victory was well deserved but they never looked like saving the tie.

Back on the domestic scene IFK again negotiated the play-offs, met Östers IF in the finals, and after two poor games were crowned champions for the second time in a row and the sixth in all.

For once, in 1984, IFK could approach a season in a state of calm optimism. In the summer Nilsson arrived back from the Bundesliga to replace Sandberg who went off to Athens. And to support Nilsson IFK discovered a brand new talent in Mats Gren from third division Falu BS. He made rapid progress alongside Nilsson and made his debut in the national team against Italy in September at just 20 years of age. In the shadows of San Siro Gren's performance was very promising indeed.

IFK's third play-off finals in a row last autumn saw them thrash Norrköping. Just back from the second division, Norrköping are one of the classical clubs of Sweden with 11 championships in their past as well as great players such as Liedholm and Gunnar Nordahl, who both played there before going to Italy in the 1950s. But in the first game at the Idrottsparken in Norrköping all that history went out of the window. Gothenburg outclassed a very young and inexperienced team to win 5-1. the return game was a mere formality and IFK, at half pace, won it 2-0.

For this new 1985 season, Gunde Bengtsson, the former assistant and then successor to Sven-Göran Eriksson, is back as coach after twice taking Vaalerengen of Oslo to the Norwegian championship. Westerberg has left the club for Djurgaarden of Stockholm.

Although there are quite a number of new faces in the team and the squad, the basic organisation of the IFK game is much the same as in 1979, when Eriksson and Bengtsson first arrived and switched to a basic 4-4-2 formation, with the four backs all playing in line in a zonal system as opposed to man-for-man marking.

The system has to be simple because IFK's players work in regular jobs and trades. Sometimes IFK Gothenburg pay compensation to the organisations or companies involved so the players can train during the day and for longer periods. This seems to suit the players. In 1978 and in the spring of 1979 a form of semi-professionalism was tried, but the present system seem to suit the squad better.

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I.F.K. GOTHENBURG

Founded: 1904.
Director: Anders Bernmar.
Stadium: Ullevi (52,000).
Coach: Gunde Bengtsson.
UEFA Cup: 1982.
League: 1903, 1908, 1910, 1918, 1935, 1942, 1969, 1982, 1983, 1984 (10).
Cup: 1979, 1982, 1983 (3).

HOW THEY REACHED THE QUARTER FINALS

8-0 away v Avenir Beggen
Carlsson 2, Nilsson 3, Fredriksson 2, Andersson
9-0 home v Avenir Beggen
Pettersson 2, Nilsson 2, Gardner 2, Holmgren, Fredriksson, J. Karlsson
IFK 17-0 on agg

1-0 home v Beveren
Nilsson
1-2 away v Beveren
Pettersson
IFK on away goal: 2-2 agg

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EVERTON'S MYSTERY OPPONENTS

FORTUNA SITTARD are very much the mystery team of Dutch football — at least as far as the outside world is concerned.

They have none of the glamour and fame of Ajax Amsterdam or Feyenoord. And none of the financial power of the Philips-backed PSV Eindhoven. Such comparisons would appear invidious. After all, Fortuna Sittard were founded only 17 years ago in 1968.

And yet . . . the Fortuna club who face Everton will forever hold a very special place in the history of Dutch football.

Until 1954 Dutch football was amateur and the federation, the KNVB, had strenuously resisted proposals for even part-time professionalism. Matters now came to a head. And 'rebels' in the town of Geleen, in the finger of Holland which stretches down between Belgium and West Germany, formed the country's first professional club.

It was named Fortuna '54 and that example led to a group of rebel clubs forming a breakaway semi-professional, part-time, league. At the same time, the old amateur championship was kept going by the KNVB.

But not for long. The top amateur players were lured away en masse to join the rebels — for obvious reasons — and a peace agreement was signed. Professionalism was given official approval, the rival championships were abandoned and a united 'all-in' league launched in their place.

Fortuna were up among the leaders and spared no expense to make sure they stayed there. Goalkeeper De Munk, signed from amateur Sittardse Boys, played 31 times for his country; centre half Cor Van der Hart won 44 caps after being lured back from Lille in France and then gained high reputation as a coach; centre forward Appel and left-winger Carlier brought the number of Fortuna men who featured in a 3-0 win over Norway in November 1955 to four.

Four years later, still trading on star names. Fortuna signed inside forward Faas Wilkes from VVV. Wilkes was the first Dutch player to make a name for himself abroad. Born in 1923 he began with the Rotterdam club Xerxes, then played with success in both Italy (with Internazionale and Torino between 1949 and 1953) and Spain (with Valencia, 1953-1956) before returning home.

The Johan Cruyff of his generation, Wilkes played 38 times for Holland between 1946 and 1961 but had retired by the time Fortuna made their first European appearance, in the 1964-65 Cup-winners' Cup.

To qualify, Fortuna had beaten Ado Den Haag in a penalty shoot-out after a goalless draw in the 1964 Dutch cup final. Their luck didn't travel into Europe, however. Fortuna fell at the first hurdle, losing 1-3, 2-2 against Italy's Torino. Van der Hart and Carlier were still there — survivors from Fortuna's Dutch Cup triumph by 4-2 over Feyenoord in 1957 — but the club was on the slide.

That year of 1964 they signed the Yugoslav winger Aleksandar Petakovic, from Radnicki Belgrade, hoping he would put new fire into the attack. He did. But not for long.

The big city clubs, Feyenoord and Ajax, were regaining command of the Dutch game. There was little that Fortuna, or their unfashionable neighbours Sittardia, from the nearby town of Sittard, could do about it.

Fortuna remained members of the Dutch premier division from their founding in 1954 until 1968. As for Sittardia, they entered the top flight in 1955 but suffered relegation on three occasions until the crisis year of 1968.

Then, double disaster. Sittardia finished bottom of the premier division, with Fortuna next to bottom. They had run out of players and they had run out of cash. There was only one answer: to merge to survive. It was a brave decision and was rewarded when the federation invited the new 'Fortuna Sittardia Combinazie' to stay in the premier division. Seventh-placed Xerxes had gone bust, so there was an extra place to be filled.

Fortuna SC, as they were now known, struggled to find their new identity. They alternated their home games between the old clubs' stadia in Geleen and Sittard; they even played away games in Fortuna's old colours of green, and their home games in Sittardia's old colours of blue and yellow.

That failure to put their act together led inexorably to relegation just a year after the merger.

The next 13 years were spent in the second division. Three times Fortuna narrowly missed out on promotion so it wasn't until 1982 that they finally reappeared in the premier division. Much of the credit was due to Frans Körver, once goalkeeper for the old Sittardia club and now their successors' coach. He introduced a more aggressive, 'English' style of play with plenty of long balls aimed for the big centre forward Huub Smeets.

In 1981-82 Smeets was joint top scorer in the second division with 20 goals to his name. The following season, when Fortuna ended up in eighth place in the 18-club first division, he was the club's most successful marksman again with 13 goals.

Last season Fortuna slipped to 12th. Perhaps it was significant that Smeets finished the campaign with only seven goals to his name. He had started like a train, scoring four times in the first three league matches against Helmond Sport, FC Den Bosch and Feyenoord. But next time out he was injured against Haarlem and had to be substituted at half-time.

For Fortuna and Smeets things would never be the same. He didn't score again until the spring — and then missed the cup final against Feyenoord because of a row over bonuses.

Fortuna reached the cup final with a 4-2 first round away win over amateur club Dovo (Hoyer three goals and Koevermans), a 3-0 home win over Go Ahead Eagles (Evers, Bux and Smeets), a 2-1 away win over Roda (Koevermans and Van Well) and then, in the quarter finals, a 5-0 thrashing of AZ'67 Alkmaar (Van Well two, Smeets, Ruys and Bux). In the semi-finals two goals from new star man goalscorer Arthur Hoyer beat Grøningen 2-0 and earned the showdown with Feyenoord.

Chances

Fortuna were rank outsiders. Feyenoord, after all, had just won the championship thanks to the inspiration of veteran Johan Cruyff and were determined to complete the double. Their chances became even slimmer when the row over bonuses exploded on the eve of the final and Smeets was dropped and transfer-listed.

Yet on the day Fortuna were far from disgraced. In front of a 40,000 crowd they fought gamely to hold Feyenoord at bay, and went under to just one goal — scored by Holland striker Peter Houtman in the 72nd minute.

But win, lose or draw, Fortuna were already assured their prize: an entry in the Cup-winners' Cup, since Feyenoord had already claimed their place in the Champions' Cup.

Bert Jakobs has now succeeded Korver as coach and the team has been strengthened for Europe with the signings of forward Wout Holverda from Sparta Rotterdam and the one-time Ipswich international midfielder Frans Thijssen, from Vancouver Whitecaps.

They have tempered the team's aggressive style with a levening of skill. In beating KB Copenhagen and Wisla Krakow in the first two rounds of the Cup-winners' Cup they displayed a sharp understanding of the value of the swift counter-attack. So Everton should not take Holland's mystery men lightly. That is one label Fortuna are determined to lose.

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CLUB FOCUS on Everton's rivals Fortuna Sittard

By Jonathan Shallard

FORTUNA SITTARD
Founded: 1968 (after merger of Fortuna '54 and Sittardia).
Colours: Yellow/green.
Stadium: De Baandert (20,000).
President: P. M. Boels.
Coach: Bert Jakobs.
Dutch league:
Dutch cup: 1957 and 1964. Runners-up 1984.

HOW THEY REACHED THE QUARTER FINALS
0-0 away v KB Copenhagen
3-0 home v KB Copenhagen
Holverda 2, Hoyer
Fortuna 3-0 on agg

2-0 home v Wisla Krakow
Hoyer, Van Well
1-2 away v Wisla Krakow
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Fortuna 3-2 on agg

THE COACH

BERT JAKOBS was born in Zandvoort — famous for its motor racing circuit — on March 5, 1941. He took over at Fortuna last summer, succeeding Frans Körver, who had been in charge since 1980, bringing Fortuna out of the second division before himself returning to the lower grade with DS '79.

Jakobs was no great star as a player, injury upsetting his career at 23 soon after he had joined Haarlem from his local club, Zandvoortmeuwen. First he joined Ado Den Haag as assistant coach for a year, then spent two season in the same role with the Amsterdam club, DWS.

But Jakobs has his own firm ideas on how the game should be played and couldn't be content as someone else's No. 2. Thus he moved down the league to make a career in his own right with De Volewijckers and then Velox. His success in these posts earned him a first division appointment for the next five years with FC Utrecht.

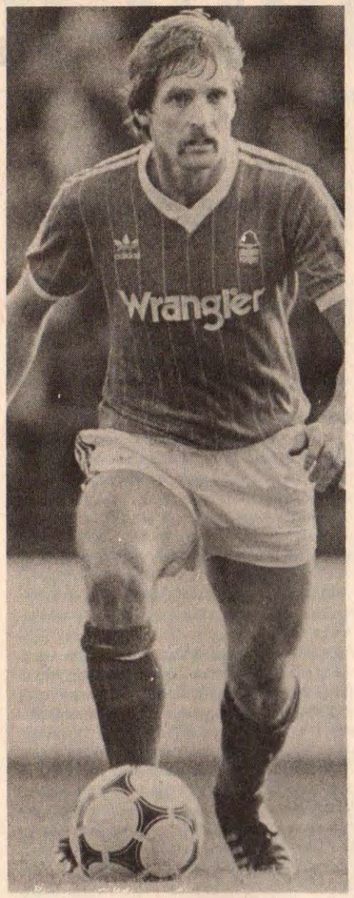
Jakobs went there in 1971 and though they spent three seasons in midtable they started to slide towards the relegation zone. The cash crisis enveloping Dutch football was a major factor — as Roda Kerkrade recognised in signing Jakobs up for a one-year contract which eventually lasted six.

After leaving Roda, Jakobs spent two years with Willem II, had a season in Hong Kong with Seiko and then returned in 1983 to join Sparta. When he moved to Fortuna last year he made sure he brought Sparta's best forward, Holverda, with him.

THE PLAYERS

ANDRE VAN GERVEN. Goalkeeper. Born October 6, 1952. An experienced goalkeeper who began his career with PSV Eindhoven but spent years as reserve to that fine 'keeper Jan Van Beveren. Later Van Gerven moved to Twente Enschede, from whom Fortuna bought him in November 1983 to solve an injury crisis. Van Gerven kept goal for Holland in the qualifying tournament for the Los Angeles Olympics.

CHRIS KÖRVER. Goalkeeper. Born September 8, 1961. Promising player who is the son of former club coach Frans Körver.



Frans Thijssen . . . as Nottingham Forest fans remember him.

Lately Körver junior's fine form has threatened Van Gerven's place in the team.

CHRIS DEKKER. Sweeper. Born December 6, 1945. At 39 years of age the oldest player in the Dutch first division. Fortuna are the tenth club in Dekker's career, persuading him to carry on three years ago when he had originally decided to retire after a spell in Hong Kong.

RENE MAESSEN. Right back. Born March 19, 1962. Fortuna youth product. Dutch under-21 and Olympic international. Strong with both feet. Maessen was an ever-present in the league last season and collected two goals.

WILLY BOESSEN. Left back. Born May 3, 1964. Dutch under-21 international. Can also play as sweeper. Played in 13 league games last season — appearing as substitute in 12 of them!

WIM KOEVERMANS. Centre back/stopper. Born June 28. 1960. Dutch Olympic international. Big and good in the air, so he could be entrusted with a key role against Everton. Koevermans joined Fortuna two years ago after his previous club went bust.

MARIO ELEVELD. Defensive midfield player.born June 9, 1962. Played in the centre of defence for much of last season.

GERRIE SCHRIJNEMAKERS. Left back. Born August 13, 1956.

ANNE EVERS. Midfield. Born January 18, 1960. That really is his name! Fortuna signed him two years ago after he literally shot to prominence with the 20 goals which brought DS'79 promotion to the first division. In the long-term he is seen as Fortuna's sweeper, but Dekker's outstanding form has meant keeping him in midfield.

WILBERT SUVRIJN. Defensive midfielder. Born October 26, 1962. Dutch Olympic international.

FRANS THIJSSEN. Midfield. Born January 23, 1952. Needs little introduction to English fans. Thijssen made his name with Twente Enschede, then joined Ipswich to the delight of then manager Bobby Robson for £300,000 in February 1979. He stayed four years, making an enormous impression on the English league and becoming the only foreign player to be voted Footballer of the Year. Thijssen's resilient skill, in tandem with the more artistic Arnold Muhren, was a decisive factor in Ipswich's UEFA Cup triumph in 1981 at the expense of Thijssen's fellow Dutchmen from AZ Alkmaar. In 1983 Thijssen went to Vancouver Whitecaps, played less successfully with Nottingham Forest last season, and then returned to Canada. When the North American Soccer League virtually collapsed last autumn Thijssen was snapped up by Fortuna though it appears doubtful whether he will stay beyond the end of this season. Feyenoord are keen to sign him. Thijssen has played only 14 times for Holland — a fact which stunned Gyorgy Mezey, the manager of Hungary, after Fortuna drew 1-1 with the Hungarian national team during a recent winter break friendly in Benidorm, Spain. Mezey said: "Why wasn't Thijssen in the Dutch team for the World Cup-tie we won 2-1 in Rotterdam in October? He's still far better than anyone else in Holland."

ARTHUR HOYER. Forward. Born March 14, 1957. Hoyer was Fortuna's top scorer last season with 14 goals. Joined the club in 1983 after spells with PSV Eindhoven and Willem II. Prefers to collect the knocked-down passes from a central striker rather than play spearhead himself. Has scored in three of Fortuna's four European games — including the vital goal in Poland which beat Wisla Krakow on aggregate.

THEO VAN WELL. Utility player. Born October 13, 1959. Ever-present in the league last season.

JO BUX. Midfield. Born February 18, 1954. Just recovering from injury and may not be fit in time to face Everton. Bux is the longest-serving player in the club, having joined Fortuna ten years ago.

TINY RUYS. Midfield/forward. Born May 8, 1957.

ROGER REIJNERS. Forward. Born February 10, 1964. Youth product who can also play in midfield.

ROGER HOUTACKERS. Forward. Born March 19, 1963. New signing from the youth squads.

WOUTER HOLVERDA. Forward. Born April 22, 1958. Fortuna's record signing who cost £100,000 last summer from Sparta Rotterdam, when he followed coach Bert Jakobs to Fortuna. The Holverda deal underlines the fact that while much of the Dutch game is suffering from a financial crisis, Fortuna's affairs have been in sensible hands. Holverda had been Sparta's best forward for the last couple of years, scoring 18 goals in the 1982-83 season and then 21 last term.

Euro-cups quarter final previews

CLUB FOCUS on Videoton, UEFA Cup opponents for Manchester United.
From Brian O'Sullivan in Budapest

MANCHESTER United's second visit to Hungary within six months, following the UEFA Cup first round match against Rába Vasas ETO of Györ last October, will again by-pass Budapest.

The destination this time is the ancient coronation town of Székesfehérvár, Hungary's first capital and an hour's drive from the present one, for the encounter with Videoton who present themselves at Old Trafford on March 6 for the first leg of the UEFA Cup quarter-final tie as a club yet to win a major honour.

Formed in 1941 as Székesfehérvár Vadásztöltényar — the second word means factory for hunting and shotgun cartridges — they took the name of VT Vasas from 1962 to 1968 when they were first promoted to Hungary's top division and when the present name was introduced to recognise the not insignificant support from Videoton Electronics Company which has its headquarters in the town.

The club's key officials also hold high positions in the company which, as well as advertising itself in most Hungarian homes with its television sets, is involved with other companies in the export of personal computer systems, software and sporting scoreboards, one of which graces the club's modern 30,000-capacity Sosto stadium, itself completed in 1968.

Similarly, the club have only come to prominence in more recent years thanks to the boom inspired by the television and communication industry. Indeed, if Videton, with their backing, couldn't achieve prominence, which club could?

Videoton had one season in the first division (1968), had another one in the second, and since 1970 have stayed in the top flight, progressing higher, each successive season to 1973-74 when, finishing fourth, they made the first of their four appearances in the UEFA Cup, goint out to Napoli in the first round. Two seasons later they beat Fenerbahce and SW Innsbruck but lost to Magdeburg in the third round, and in 1981-82 Rapid Vienna beat them in the first round.

Last season they led the first division at the winter break only to finish third. During the summer they were the only club of 36 to win all six matches in the Intertoto Cup and they again lead the championship which resumes after the winter break on March 2 when Videoton travel to the north-east to play Eger, last season's division two champions.

Videoton possess fewer international players than Manchester United. But at least they have been able to field a settled combination this season, unlike their Old Trafford opponents.

And, moreover, they are again second to MIK-VM, best for the past two seasons, in the good behaviour guide based on cautions, sendings off and penalties conceded.

All of this says something about Videoton's manager, Ferenc Kovacs, aged 51, who is in his second spell with the club. As a player he was a hard-working midfielder who hardly got a look in — one full international appearance — for the national team because Hungary's record, 100-times capped, Jozsef Bozsik played in his era. But Kovacs shared in two emotional events with what is now MTK-VM for whom he played nearly 200 league matches: the championship success of 1957-58 and the two matches of the 1964 European Cup Winners' Cup final against Sporting Lisbon who, after a 3-3 draw in Brussels, won the replay in Antwerp by 1-0.

Kovacs retired from playing a year later and was immediately appointed coach. He spent three years in charge before taking over Egri Dozsa (1968-71) and then undertaking his first spell with Videoton. He held the reins from 1972-77, then spent a year with Vasas before being appointed as national boss for the season which followed Hungary's sad 1978 World Cup.

Three years at Debrecen and then it was back to Videoton two years ago for an agreement which links him to the league leaders until the summer of next year.

VIDEOTON SPORT CLUB
Founded: 1941.
Colours: Red/blue.
Stadium: Sostoi (30,000).
President: Matyas Dosa.
Coach: Ferenc Kovacs.
League: Second division champions 1967.
Cup:

HOW THEY REACHED THE QUARTER FINALS
1-0 home v Dukla Praha
Szabo.
0-0 away v Dukla Praha
Vidoeton 1-0 on agg.
4-2 away v Paris Saint-Germain
Szabo 2, Csongradi 2
1-0 home v Paris Saint-Germain
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Videoton 5-2 on agg
5-0 home v Partizan Belgrade
Szabo 4, Majer
0-2 away v Partizan Belgrade
Videoton 5-2 on agg

THE SQUAD

Péter Disztl: Goalkeeper. Aged 24/3 international matches. Born March 30, 1960, at Baja, town on Danube near Yugoslav border. Moved from local club to Videoton in 1975, younger brother Laszlo following a year later. A bearded, brave last line of defence if occasionally careless. Second-choice national team goalkeeper, debut in May last year, 0-0 v Norway at Székesfehérvár, László also making his first appearance in that game. Missed first half of autumn season because he was injured. 154 league matches.

Watch Videoton!

János Koszta: Reserve goalkeeper. 25. Born March 18, 1959, at Sajószentpéter in north-east. Joined club in 1983 from Borsod Banyasz, league debut at start of this season and outstanding in second leg against Dukla. Kovacs had some regrets about leaving him out when Disztl regained fitness.

József Csuhay: Central defender. 27/8. Born July 12, 1957, at Eger, famous wine-growing centre in north-east, from where he joined Videoton in 1980. Second-choice right fullback in national team to Honvéd's Sallai. Unspectacular but versatile. 131 league matches, five goals.

László Disztl: Central defender. 22/2. Born June 4, 1962, at Baja, left them for Videoton in 1976. Goalkeeper's brother. Missed part of autumn season with ankle injury. 131 league matches, six goals.

Tibor Végh: Right fullback. 28. Born March 31, 1956, at Székesfehérvár. Product of club's youth teams, has played more league matches — 299 — than any other member of squad. Eight goals. Adventurous as well as experienced fullback.

Gyula Vaszil: Central defender. 20. Born May 31, 1964, at Siofok, resort on Lake Balaton, left local club for Videoton in 1982 when he made nine appearances. On fringe of becoming regular player.

Istvan Borsányi: Central defender. 27. Born February 25, 1958, at Szombathely, near Austria. Club junior who played for two other clubs before returning.

Gabor Horvath: Left fullback. 26. Born March 20, 1958, at Kislang, village south of Székesfehérvár, will be 27 on the day Manchester United play there. Sent off twice last season. Joined club in 1976 when aged 18. 143 league matches.

Győző Burcsa: Right midfield. 31/10/3 goals. Born March 13, 1954, at Kaposvar, south-western town. Returned to club this season after being in championship-winning teams of Rába Vasas ETO and after national team selection. Slightly fragile but mobile. Has scored 97 goals in 241 league matches.

Ferenc Csongradi: Centre midfield and captain. 28/24. Born March 9, 1956, at Apácatornya, village 90 km west of Székesfehérvár, and taken by club as 17-year-old. Probably the strongest influence in the team, experienced some disappointments but he reacted to them in a positive manner. National team debut in 1976, was not in 1978 World Cup squad but went to Spain in 1982 without playing. Rescued by present manager György Mezey, regular member of his squads since first match in charge September, 1983, and, as a substitute, supplied the perfect, cross-field, pass for Esterhazy to score what proved winning goal in World Cup qualifying group match against Holland in Rotterdam last October. 265 league matches, 21 goals, yet to score for national team.

Imre Vadasz: Left midfielder. 24. Born November 10, 1960, at Elószállás, village south-east of Székesfehérvár. went to Videoton as junior, aged 16. 144 league matches, 12 goals. Left-side midfielder who helps out in defence but also an extremely accurate passer of the ball.

Istvan Palkovics: Midfielder. 27. Born October 4, 1957, at Sárospatak, in north-east by Czechoslovakia. Joined club in 1981, 90 league matches and nine goals. Most of his nine matches in autumn season were as substitute.

Geza Wittman: Midfielder. Aged 24. Good distributor. Clever user of the ball. 14 league appearances to his credit so far.

Lajos Májer: Right wing. 28/3. Born August 24, 1956, at Sárbogárd, town south-east of Székesfehérvár, joined club when 16 from Sárbogárd Volán. Influential in team's attacking tactics; has the abiilty and inclination to hold the ball and also to change the tempo and direction of attacks. Only three matches for Hungary, the last one in 1979, but still plays some fine football. 242 league matches, 50 goals. A real match-winner who can mesmerise opposing fullbacks.

Jozsef Szabo: Centre foward. 28. Born October 31, 1956, at Dorog, town just north-west of Budapest boundary. Played for Dorog, moved to Videoton in 1977 and has scored 108 league goals in 224 matches. Hungary's goal king last season, only the sixth ever from outside the capital, with 19 goals (four penalties) in 30 matches. Only six league goals this season yet has seven in as many UEFA Cup games. His quickness in turning and changing pace, allied to sound technique and off-the-ball running, make him a crafty customer. Scored four goals in the 5-0 thrashing of Partizan Belgrade.

Gyorgy Novath: Left wing. 27. Born January 1, 1958, at Székesfehérvár. Played for Alba Regia — original Roman, name for the town — and Sz. Ikarus before returning to Videoton. Tallest regular forward, Májer is the lightest. Often used in withdrawn role. Can also play fullback. 149 league matches, 33 goals.

Otto Gömöri. Foward. Aged 23. Joined last summer from Hatvani Kinizsi.

Ferenc Horvath. Forward. Aged 28. Joined Videoton three years ago from Hatvani Kinizsi.

Laszlo Fuisz. Forward or midfielder. Aged 25.

HUNGARY OPTIMISTIC AFTER THREE WINS

GYORGY MEZEY, manager of Hungary, gives one of his rare interviews . . . to BRIAN O'SULLIVAN.

HUNGARY's national team ended 1984 by winning three successive World Cup qualifying group matches — against Austria 3-1 at home, Holland 2-1 away and Cyprus 2-1 away.

That, plus the recent 1-0 win in West Germany, has given manager Gyorgy Mezey cautious optimism that Hungary are now serious contenders for a place in Mexico next year.

Your first match as national team manager was in September, 1983. In the 15 matches since then the team has lost only three times. How can you describe this period?

"I have had five stages of work. Last autumn I had to choose the players with whom I wanted to work. Then I had to struggle with officials and public opinion because, for the first time in 12 years, we played an international in January against Spain in Cadiz where Hungary won 1-0 and it was unusual.

"The third part, after this struggle, was successful; we played five or six matches, one after the other. The summer period was the most difficult; you have heard about the scandals and different problems in Hungarian football when some of my players were banned. I thought that, during this time, I would not achieve my aims. The last period, in the autumn, was that of the World Cup qualifying group matches. I was fortunate because we didn't think that we could win in Rotterdam. That was the turning point."

Have you been satisfied with the players chosen and have you been affected by injuries?

"First, we've had no problem with injuries and I don't want to speak about them when I work with a squad of 18-20 players; at international level we have many players and can choose others if we have problems.

"I have also had fewer other problems with the players than I expected. "That was a very big surprise because I thought that it would be a struggle to get them to work the way I wanted."

What are these methods of yours?

"Not discipline in words but the players must feel there is discipline around them and, mostly, more discipline in our teamwork, our playing system. But I also give them freedom to express their individual ability.

"Since the 1950s it was regarded as unusual to organise the team because we had good players and let them play as they wanted. But I said ten years ago that we had to learn how to organise a team.

"I studied international matches, statistics and realised that there were two or three ways to develop our game. One point I can emphasise is tackling . . . the players must tackle face-to-face and not by chasing the opponent. That is why we have had more fouls during a game than, say, two or three years ago. I, the defender, have to go towards the opponent and not wait for him to come to me."

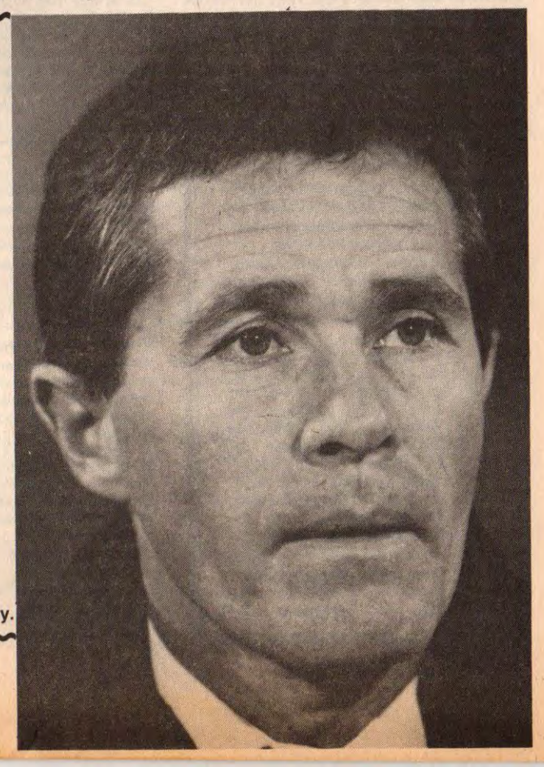
You wanted to make the team more mobile and stronger, physically?

"Yes. I selected only those players whose physical qualities were higher than average level in Hungary and in Europe too. We had many, many, tests on the players and we have international tests, such as the West Germans, Austrians and Dutch use. It was also a question of selecting players with a strong personality.

"In Hungary, everyone thinks that we are in Mexico now. But I hope that the players don't think that. It would be very dangerous. I felt this when we were in a very good position against England we lost when everybody thought that we were in the finals. We needed only a draw against England, ONLY a draw! — and we lost 3-1. Now I read, day after day, articles and opinions about my work and I am not happy about it. That is why I don't want to give interviews in Hungary."

Is there an increasing amount of national team pride in the Hungarian player of today?

"We have no problems with this now. A few years ago we did have. English players have great national pride. I saw this just by their attitude to their national anthem. Now in Hungary, I am happy to say that there is pride again in the national team. That is, in my eyes, the most important thing needed for success. Pride is essential."



GYORGY MEZEY . . . manager of Hungary.

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REAL MADRID
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goal on his Spain debut against Scotland in 1982 and appeared in the finals of both the World Cup and last summer's European championship.

STIELIKE. Full name: Ulrich (Uli) Stielike. Midfield or sweeper. Aged 30/42 caps for West Germany. One of Madrid's key men. Helped Borussia Mönchengladbach to their 1975 UEFA Cup triumph and starred in the Champions' Cup final — despite defeat at the hands of Liverpool — two years later. Stielike was singled out then by Santiago Bernabeu personally — a year before Bernabeu's death — as the right choice for Madrid and signed on that summer. West German boss Helmut Schön angrily overlooked him for the 1978 World Cup but Schön's successor, Jupp Derwall, immediately recalled him on taking over. Stielike was a member of the West German team who won the 1980 European championship and finished runners-up — on his home club ground — in the 1982 World Cup Final.

SALGUERO. Full name: Jose Antonio Salguero. Midfield. Aged 25. Promoted from Castilla in 1982 and appeared as a substitute in the Cup-winners' Cup final defeat against Aberdeen a year later.

ANGEL. Full name: Angel de los Santos. Midfield. Aged 32. Hard-working, often underrated player who has been out of favour this season. Madrid signed him from Salamanca in 1979 and he has since earned a reputation not only for his work rate but as a senior official in the militant Spanish players' union.

LOZANO. Full name: Juan Lozano. Midfield. Aged 29. A remarkable story: Lozano was born in Seville but was brought up in Belgium, where his parents had emigrated to look for work. Lozano was discovered by first division Beerschot and Belgium manager Guy Thys wanted to play him in the 1982 World Cup finals back in Spain. A bid to rush Lozano's naturalisation papers through the courts was blocked, however, and Lozano went off to the United States to join Washington Diplomats. Barcelona tried to sign him but turned him down after a trial and he returned to Belgium to play for top club Anderlecht. His delicate midfield skills guided them to success in the 1983 UEFA Cup Final against Benfica, when Madrid signed him for £1.1 million — the club's record transfer. Lozano's first season was wrecked by injury and his form this term has been inconsistent — though he was brilliant in the 6-1 UEFA Cup thrashing of his old club Anderlecht.

MICHEL. Full name: Miguel Gonzalez. Midfield. Aged 22. Played against England in last season's European under-21 final. Fine prospect who moved up from Castilla last year. Soon made the Madrid first team but lost his place when a sending-off in December against Hercules brought him not only a £500 club fine but a three-match suspension.

ISIDRO. Full name: Isidro Diaz Gonzalez. Midfield. Aged 30. Madrid's own "supersub", able to cover back and pick-up key opponents in midfield but also score some vital goals. Isidro is one of the older generation of Castilla products, having moved up into the senior squad in 1977.

JUANITO. Full name: Juan Gomez. Outside right. 30/34. Stormy petrel of Spanish football. Thrown out by Atletico Madrid as a teenager because he got into trouble with referees and broke a leg. Made his name with second division Burgos and then transferred to Real Madrid when he seemed poised to join Barcelona. Runs three sports goods shops and promotes a brand of sherry. One of the stars of Spain's 1981 win over England at Wembley, he played in the finals of both the 1978 and 1982 World Cups. Was once suspended from European competition for three years (later commuted) for an incident with a referee and was suspended by Madrid for a month (also commuted) earlier this season for comments about coach Amancio. Joint league top scorer with 17 goals last season.

SANTILLANA. Full name: Carlos Alonso. Centre forward. 32/55. One of Spain's finest footballers and one of the best headers of the ball in Europe when at his peak. Santillana played for Spain in the 1978 and 1982 World Cup finals, captained his country against England in the finals of the 1980 European championship in Italy and was still there when Spain finished runners-up to France last summer in Paris in the 1984 tournament. Joined Madrid in 1971 from Santander, following a path previously trod by another Real "great", Francisco Gento. Re-established his career despite two serious injuries (kidney and eye) in the mid-1970s. Santillana played in the European finals against both Liverpool and Aberdeen and has scored more goals in the Champions' Cup (20) than any other current European footballer.

PINEDA. Full name: Francisco Pineda. Winger. Aged 26. Promoted to the Madrid squad from Castilla five years ago. Appeared as a substitute in the 1981 Champions' Cup final against Liverpool.

ITO. Full name: Andres Alonso. Winger. Aged 23. Signed from Salamanca in 1981 but failed to make the expected progress.

MARTIN VAZQUEZ. Full name: Rafael Martin Vazquez. Winger. Aged 19. Made his Madrid debut last season while still with Castilla and was confirmed in the first-team squad last summer. Rated perhaps the best of the "new wave" at Madrid.

VALDANO. Full name: Jorge Valdano. Striker. Aged 29/6 caps for Argentina. Left Argentina at 19 to join Spanish second division club Alaves and joined first division Zaragoza in 1979. Struck up a lethal attacking partnership with the Paraguayan, Raul Amarilla and was a surprise choice for Argentina's 1982 World Cup finals squad, appearing against Belgium and Hungary. Madrid signed Valdano last summer and after starting the season with injury problems he has established himself once more as one of the Spanish league's leading scorers.

BUTRAGUENO. Full name: Emilio Butragueno. Striker. 21/3. Nicknamed El Buitre, The Vulture — a label he lived up to in style when scoring a hat-trick in the 6-1 UEFA Cup third round thrashing of Anderlecht. Butragueno is the great new hope of Spanish football. He was turned down as a youth by both Real and Atletico Madrid, but then Castilla, Madrid's nursery team, had second thoughts. Butragueno scored 22 goals in the second division in the first half of last season to earn rapid promotion to the Madrid senior squad. He made his debut as a half-time substitute against Cadiz and scored twice to turn a 2-0 deficit into a 3-2 victory. Butragueno was one of Spain's reserves at the European championship finals then made a scoring debut for his country in the World Cup victory over Wales early this season. He scored twice in Spain's recent 3-1 win over Finland.

DI STEFANO
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all, Di Stefano scored 49 goals in European Cup games, and this and Madrid's five times in a row, will never be equalled now.

In the Spanish League Di Stefano was the top scorer with 29 goals in his first season 1953-54. Then between 1955-56 and 1957-58 he was top marksman three times in succession, then topped the list for the last time in 1958-59. Four times in the next five seasons, the top scorer was Ferenc Puskas, the great Hungarian who teamed up with Di Stefano to make the greatest double-act of all time.

Di Stefano played for his native Argentina, and Spain, was chosen for a World XI, and twice was voted European Footballer of the Year — in 1957 and 1959. Eight times he won Spanish championship medals and five times he was a Cup winner in Spain.

GOTHENBURG
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THE SQUAD

THOMAS WERNERSSON. Goalkeeper. Aged 29/10 caps. Signed from Atvidaberg in 1981. Good reflexes but not so reliable when he has to come out for crosses. It's often considered that he "won" the UEFA Cup for IFK in 1982.

OVE TOBIASSON. Goalkeeper. Aged 22. Talented but short on experience.

RUBEN SVENSSON. Right back. Aged 31. A player of international quality who always refused to play for the national team. Recent operation could keep him out until April or May.

STIG FREDRIKSSON. Left back. 28/31. Sweden's first choice left back. Strong in the tackle and hard to get past. Also likes to support the attack.

ULF CARLGREN. Centre back. Aged 23. Signed this winter from Falu BS as a central defender but could become the short-term stand-in for Svensson at right back. Tall, good in the air.

GLENN SCHILLER. Right back or midfield. Aged 23. Under-21 international.

DENNIS SCHILLER. Full back. Aged 19. IFK youth product and younger brother of Glenn Schiller. Highly-rated prospect.

PETER LARSSON. Central defender. 23/2. Finest young defender in Sweden, signed by IFK for a domestic record £70,000 to fill the gap left by the transfer of Glenn Hysen, in late 1983, to PSV Eindhoven. Larsson played previously for Halmstad and can also play in midfield.

STEPHAN KULLBERG. Centre back. Aged 24. Under-21 international. Signed from Atvidaberg in 1982 to replace experienced veteran Conny Karlsson, when the latter left for Toronto in the NASL.

JERRY CARLSSON. Midfield. Aged 30. Under-21 international. The "play-maker." Skilful and experienced with a good shot and surprisingly overlooked by national team boss Lars Arnesson.

TORD HOLMGREN. Midfield. 27/20. From Polokournas, a small village in Lapland, near the Artic Circle and brother of fellow IFK and Sweden star Tommy. Tord is the elder, an aggressive and inspiring player. He has been called the "Swedish Billy Bremner." Joined IFK from third division Gällivare.

ROLAND NILSSON. Midfield. Aged 21. from Helsingborgs IF. Youth international.

TORBJORN LUNDBLAD. Midfield. Aged 20. Youth international. IFK Youth product.

MATS GREN. Forward. 20/3. signed last year from Falu BS, a surprising capture for IFK because it had been thought he might well join Brage who are coached by Kenneth Rosen, who was his youth coach at Falu. A highly promising player who has already attracted scouts from the western European professional clubs. Neuchatel Xamax have already made inquiries but he will probably wait for a more fashionable club. Gren made his national team debut — and a very promising one — in the 1-0 defeat by Italy in Milan. Then he played in both World Cup qualifiers against Portugal. Gren has been compared with his namesake, Gunnar Gren, the 1950s' star. Brage coach Rosen says he possesses "A fantastic footballing brain and is as strong as an ox." During a devastating spell in the league last season Gren and Torbjorn Nilsson scored 27 goals in 16 games between them.

STEFAN PETTERSSON. Forward. 21/1. Signed last year from Norrkoping — whom IFK then thrashed in the championship play-off. Has a good left foot and scored the all-important away goal against Beveren.

JONNY EKSTROM. Forward. Aged 19.

TOMMY HOLMGREN. Midfield or left winger. 25/18. Arrived at IFK with elder brother Tord in 1977 from Gällivare. One of Sweden's most unpredictable players. Good with his head and a free kick specialist. His dribbling skills have earned comparison with 1950s' star Lennart Skoglund. Nils Liedholm, Swedish coach to Milan, recommended him last year to Italian first division newcomers Cremonese. But when IFK put a £400,000 price tag on his head, they backed off.

STEVE GARDNER. Forward. Aged 26. English schoolboy international who failed to make the grade with Ipswich then moved to Oldham before trying his luck in Scandinavia — with great success.

TORBJORN NILSSON. Forward. 30/22. The golden boy of Swedish soccer, who has had two spells in the professional ranks, with PSV Eindhoven and more recently Kaiserslautern — who snapped him up after IFK's UEFA Cup triumph. Former IFK coach Bjorn Westerberg said that Nilsson "could prove the difference between a reasonable success in Europe and going all the way to the final." He scored five goals against Avenir Beggen in the first round, and the home leg winner against Beveren in the second. After years of national team exile he also returned to play for Sweden last autumn — "only because Corneliusson is not fit," he said — and scored a beautiful solo goal in the shock 3-1 win away to Portugal.

by Leslie Vernon

New bodies are a hole in the head

IN ENGLAND, it is a habitual solution, that when you are in trouble, you form a Committee or Commission to deal with it. The recommendations take a long time to sort out, and when they are published, they are pushed aside or not implemented.

Football is no better than any other walk of life, and it has been decided to form a new organisation, consisting of referees, players and managers. The game needs a new body like the proverbial hole in the head, since we already have referees' associations, Players' Union, Secretaries' and Managers' Association.

This latest brainchild wishes to help to bridge the gap which exists between refs, and players, by bringing them closer together.

Graham Kelly, Football League Secretary, said: "We have considered various ways of bridging the gulf. There could be a lot of merit in the suggestion that referees might speak with each team for a few minutes before matches. It could certainly help players to get off on the right foot.

"In the past 13 years, there has been a danger of the gap becoming unbridgeable. The sendings-off and cautions quadrupled in that time, and I don't think anyone would claim that the game has become dirtier. Clubs have been affected, especially those on small staffs, and in some cases, because of suspensions, players have had to play when they are unfit.

"The pre-match talks, the continuation of regional meetings between players and referees and the visits to clubs by referees should all help."

I agree, but why form a new Committee to deal with this age-old issue? Most offences happen in the heat of the battle, they are not premeditated in the calmness of a dressing room or hatched during the week prior to the match, when it is proposed that these salutory meetings should take place. Football is an emotional game, the ref's job is to see that it is played within the laws of the contest, they cannot prevent incidents, but they must be able to punish the offenders even-handedly.

No Committee will be able to solve the problem, the grudge against referees will always exist, because the participants and their managers, due to the very nature of their jobs, will always be biased. No two pairs of eyes see or judge the same incident without prejudice. I think this new Committee is surplus to requirement. It will achieve nothing, its "raison d'etre" is questionable, and it won't help to bridge the above-mentioned gap.

Referees always think that what they do is right, players will always feel hard-done-by, and the tight-lipped managers will always consider that their own players are all above suspicion.

Let's forget new Committees, and work within the existing framework more fairly. More consistent and uniform refereeing would help, so would less bais on the part of the managers, but to hope for that is like asking pigs to fly.

There is, however, a ruling which I would like to be brought back into football. A few weeks ago, I saw Chelsea play Manchester United at Stamford Bridge, and the score was 2-1 to United. Kerry Dixon otupaced the defence and was on course to bare down on Gary Bailey's goal. But pursuer Mike Duxbury, just outside the penalty box, threw himself at Dixon, grabbed his waist and brought him down with a rugby tackle.

The referee booked Duxbury, gave a free-kick from outside the box, and didn't take into account that a clear goal-scoring opportunity was foiled in the most dastardly way. The crowd booed Duxbury for the rest of the match, but secretly, everybody thought that he did the "professional" thing by deliberately preventing a goal with a foul, and thus helping his team.

Professional foul? . . . Steve Archibald's shirt, to say nothing of his patience, is stretched to the limit by Leicester's John O'Neill in Tottenham's 1982 FA Cup semi-final.

I would have sent-off Duxbury, and as an ex-referee, I can quote the law which would allow me to do that. But in English football, the "professional foul" rules again, uncurbed, after a period when it was quite rightly outlawed.

Two seasons ago, players who committed such a foul or handled the ball deliberately when it was going to a forward in a goalscoring position, were immediately sent-off. Many people in the game thought it harsh, but I always applauded the practice, because it cleared the game of one of its ugliest aspects. There was an almighty outcry, and when we talk about "bridging the gap", in fact, the gulf became enormous.

FIFA didn't like it either, because they worried that their sacrosanct world uniformity was tampered with. We all know the sad outcome. The players won this particular battle, the referees gave up the idea of sending-of offenders, and nowadays, players can bodycheck, rugby tackle an opponent, and they are punished with a yellow card or caution.

This is a case where the punishment doesn't fit the crime, in fact, players are getting away with the murder of the true spirit of the game. Let us defy the FIFA short-sighted policy, the players' selfish opposition, and let's re-introduce strict laws which would clear the game of this eyesore.

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WHEN in trouble, sack the manager! That is the old remedy practised by clubs everywhere in world football. Still, I would like to draw your attention to two recent sackings in England which I found particularly sickening.

Alan Mullery has been given his cards at QPR and Bobby Gould has been fired at Coventry. Two hard-working, staightforward managers, who were just plain unlucky. Mullery was never given a chance at Rangers, you cannot judge a manager in four months.

His biggest crime was losing 4-0 to Partizan Belgrade. Hucker, usually a reliable goalkeeper, let in a goal he should have stopped in Belgrade. Was that Mullery's fault? Did he tell his 'keeper to play badly? Of course not, it was sheer bad luck and so was the collapse of the defence.

Otherwise, Mullery bought well, selected his teams shrewdly, and although Terry Venables is a hard act to follow, he would have made a reasonable stab at it.

When Bobby Gould arrived at Coventry, they were nearly bankrupt, and they had to sell their entire team, one by one, to the highest bidder. Gould bought a few Division Three players, elevated some youngsters and kept the club in the top flight.

This season, he purchased Regis and Peter Barnes, but the team didn't do too well. It wasn't over yet by a long chalk when he got the chop as reward for his labours.

What do these chairmen expect? Instant miracles? They do not happen. In football, there must be winners and losers. Sacking managers after three bad results is not the way to salvation. Clubs like Watford and West Ham also go through sticky patches, but their managers are safe, and that is the correct and clever way of running a football club.

Souness echoes Clough: a stitch in time saves R

GRAEME SOUNESS'S outburst on BBC radio, from Turin, when he suggested that the West German referee and linesman of Juventus v Liverpool were "bent" took me back twelve years. To the same stadium and Brian Clough, in April, 1973.

Derby County, in the first leg of the semi-final of the European Cup, had just been well beaten by Juventus. Schulenberg, another West German referee, had booked two Derby players, McFarland and Gemmill if I remember correctly, who would thus be barred from the ensuing second leg. At half time, there had been an angry scuffle in the dressing room corridor when Helmut Haller, Juventus' West German international, went up to chat to Schulenberg and the irate Derby assistant manager, Peter Taylor, pushed his way between them.

At the end of the game, I was standing in that same corridor outside the Derby dressing room when Brian Clough emerged, cast a look of disdain on the waiting Italian reporters, and announced: "No cheating bastards will I talk to. I will not talk to any cheating bastards!"

Stunned silence, as they say. The Italians turned to me and demanded: "What did he say?" I remained quiet and diplomatic. John Charles, that distinguished ex-*juventino*, had quickly disappeared with some embarrassment, into the dressing room.

Suddenly the door burst open again, to show Clough. "Tell them what I said, Brian!" he commanded. And I did. The headline next day in the Italian Press may be imagined.

Whether there was dirty work at the crossroads in this first game, we shall never know. Schulenberg, some time later, would allege that he had been approached by Italians before a game against Bulgaria, but his statement was never officially followed up. What we do of course know is that before the following game, the egregious Hungarian fixer, Dezso Solti, had made his way to Lisbon in an unsuccessful attempt to fix the Portuguese referee of the second leg, Francisco Marques Lobo. We also know that Juventus denied any responsibility for Lobo and that UEFA in their trusting generosity elected to believe them.

Thus when the admirable John Smith, chairman of admirable Liverpool, expressed his own . . . admiration for UEFA just before the recent game in Turin, I found it hard to share his enthusiasm.

And the game itself? So far there is not an atom of evidence to suggest that Herr Paul, the West German referee, and his linesman were in anything but good faith, though in my opinion, as one who was there, they gave three utterly inept, almost inexplicable, offside decisions in Juventus' favour. The first brought a goal, the other two should have done. But as Humbert Wolfe wrote long ago in a celebrated poem, there is no way to bribe or twist, thank God, the British journalist: adding, but seeing what the man will do, unbribed, there is no reason to. Or words largely to that effect.

As an ex Liverpool captain, I can sympathise with Souness' outburst, the second of its kind in short order on a BBC commentary, on such a night, Pat Crerand, the former Celtic and Manchester United right-half, was yards over the top, on the occasion of that torrid match at Old Trafford between Celtic and Rapid Vienna.

The astonishing thing, to me, was just how little response Souness' comments generated in Italy, a country where statements immeasurably less contentious, statements which on the surface seem quite bland and innocuous, lead to colossal headlines and sustained controversy. The day after the game, Souness' strictures were accurately reported in such papers as *La Stampa*, the chief Turin daily, and reported in a watered down form in the *Gazzetta dello Sport*.

But the day after that, all one saw in the Rome *Corriere dello Sport* was a paragraph in which Souness denied that he had ever cast any aspersions on the honesty of referee or linesman, merely reiterating that he felt the first goal had been offside. He had, I know, said a great deal more than that, even predicting that Ronnie Moran, the Liverpool number two, would wreak physical vengeance on the referee.

Why such restraint in the usually flamboyant and contenious Italian sporting Press? A guilty conscience? Hardly. Respect for Souness as a player? Possibly. A conviction that he might be right? Who knows. Right, I should say, over the ineptitude of the three decisions, rather than over the character of the referee.

For my part, all three decisions were absurd. I thought Briaschi clearly offside when he received the ball before the first goal, exploiting, in addition, the slippery surface to beat the sliding Kennedy and to send Boniek haring through. Briaschi, and probably Rossi, was offside again shortly before half-time, when a movement developed which ended with a header by Briaschi, saved by Bruce Grobbelaar; in splendid form all night.

Then, early in the second half, Boniek was allowed to cut in from a manifestly offside position on the right, eventually to send his shot wide of the post. The linesman, wrote Lodovico Maradei, in the *Gazzetta dello Sport*, "waved play on, to the general stupor."

I tend to agree with Souness that the second bad decision cast doubt on the first. And the third cast doubt, in spades, on the first and second.

It was hard not to think of Franco Zeffirelli, the distinguished Florentine director of theatre, films and opera, who from time to time makes violent attacks on Juventus and all they — in his view — receive from indulgent officials at every level. An impassioned Fiorentina fan, Zeffirelli, earlier this season, lamented the fact that Fiorentina, in being enabled to buy Claudio Gentile from Juve, seemed to have become the "friendly club" whom Juve need. They can't, said Zeffirelli, allow themselves to win the Championship *all* the time. As usual, Juventus threatened to sue him and as usual they have done nothing.

In Italy, Juve arouse vastly embivalent feelings. They are the most popular club in the peninsula, *La Signora d'Italia*, but not the more popular in Turin, where their connection with the Agnelli family and with FIAT means that Torino is the better supported. UEFA's pitifully supine and obfuscatory behaviour in 1973, when it looked as if they at last had an Italian club bang to rights, is in some measure responsible for current scepticism. You may remember that after a fiasco of a disciplinary inquiry in Zurich in the summer of 1973, UEFA sent Juventus a letter of thanks and exculpation with a speed that has still to be explained.

So many Italian journalists and commentators of that time were accessories after the fact. So many danced to the tune of Mr Fix It, Italo Allodi, who is now playing no official part in Italian football, but adorns (?) the Sunday night television sports programme, La Domenica Sportiva. When I got to my favourite Turin restaurant after the Liverpool game, one much frequented by the sporting Press, a well known radio commentator sullenly glared into his plate. He's refused to speak to me for the past 11 years; since the *Sunday Times* blew the whistle on Lobo-Solti. Which may tell you something about the attitudes of that generation of pundits.

□ UEFA, having foolishly decreed a) that Celtic should replay their Parkhead Cupwinners' Cup tie against Rapid, b) still more foolishly enacted that it be at Manchester, have shown more sense and charity in their verdict over the events of that torrid, Old Trafford, night.

As I observed at the time, Celtic were on a hiding to nothing. They were playing what was allegedly a home game, for which they were responsible, without actually being able to exercise full responsibility. As David Hay remarked to me the week before UEFA gave their decision, while he did not in any way blame the Manchester police, the Glaswegian police had a different way of dealing with the crowds, born no doubt out of long, tough years policing the Old Firm games against Rangers.

The Glasgow police, said Hay, went round and round the ground throughout the game, always facing the crowd. The Manchester police tended to wait for something to happen. And alas it did happen, with those two savage and absurd attacks by drunken Celtic fans on the Rapid keeper and goal scorer.

Still, though they have been fined £17,000 and must play their next European home match behind locked doors, at least Celtic have not been kicked out of Europe, with the

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concomitant financial disaster.

What still sticks in the craw is the behaviour of Rapid Vienna, which remains . . . well, let us put it as euphemistically as possible and say, baffling. What object *did* hit their left back in the second leg at Parkhead? Rapid at first contested that it was one of two bottles hurled on to the pitch but later, at the UEFA appeal committee in Switzerland, Rapid were, incredibly, allowed to change their deposition (three times, according to the outraged Celtic chairman, Mr Desmond White!)

What, as we know, tipped the scales in the end was the evidence of the Rapid club doctor to the effect that his player's wound had necessitated three stitches. According to David Hay, the left-back emerged so heavily bandaged that "it looked as if his head had been chopped off."

Those who brutishly throw missiles on the field are paving the way for their club to suffer; as are those who rush on viciously to attack opposing players. But while I have no reason to suggest anything other than that the Rapid doctor is a man of complete and impregnable virtue, the weakness in UEFA's system is quite palpable. Evidence from an interested party should never be sufficient in itself.

□ WHILE in Rome, before the so-called Super Cup game, I met the author of *Mundialgate*, the book which alleged that money changed hands to induce players of the Cameroons to let Italy draw wth them in the 1982 World Cup.

Oliviero Beha and Roberto Chiodi, young, humorous and alert, impressed me with their sincerity and honesty, but it was clear that they had still to find the vital piece which would finish the jigsaw.

As I have written in these pages before, there are many things about that game which don't add up. The actual book takes one no further, indeed not even as far, as the investigative pieces Beha and Chiodi published in *EPOCA* and *L'ESPRESSO*, but they themselves have gone further since then, and have turned up evidence that Totonero, the illegal gambling world run by the Camorra of Naples, was involved.

Their conviction is that the buck doesn't stop there, that the Italian football Establishment was itself involved, but so far they have not come up with any conclusive evidence. We shall see.

□ IN TURIN, I spoke to Trevor Francis in Liverpool's hotel. His lively little son, Matthew, at five, now, to Trevor's envy, speaks perfect Italian.

Trevor himself, in his third Italian season, understands enough to be able at last to read the papers; and he sometimes wished that he couldn't.

"Samp," who have never won the Italian league, and in fact were formed only after the war by an amalgamation between two Genoese clubs, Sampierdanese and Admiral Doria, will, he hopes, get a place in the UEFA Cup. He feels they are a couple of players "off" actually taking the title. But Graeme Souness has certainly been, one sees, a more than adequate successor to Liam Brady, now with Inter.

Roma, among Everton's rivals for the European Cupwinners' Cup, moved strongly up the table in January with a couple of narrow 1-0 home wins over Torino and Avellino. I saw the first, on a slippery winter pitch at the Olimpico, a poor game decided by a bizarre goal, scored by the inevitable Roberto Pruzzo after Martina has rushed out of his goal in confusion for the second time in the game and this time didn't get away with it. On the first occasion the talented Dossena, Italian international midfield man, whipped the ball off the feet of Oddi, just as the full-back was about to put the ball in the net.

The King is dead . . . or gone to Milan. Long live the King. A Swede, in each case. Not Gustav Adolf, who left a name, according to Dr Johnson, at which the world grew pale, but Nils Liedholm in the first instance, and Sven-Goran Eriksson in the second.

When I was in Rome, the journalists were saying with glee that Roma, after such a shocking beginning to the season, were now playing what they called an "English game," with something that they call "pressing." In other words taking more chances, leaving much less of a margin for error, and moving up fast into the midfield.

The pompous old president, Viola, opening his mouth for the first time for a month to no particular purpose, said that the Roma fans were tired of what he called "horizontal football," a cheap sideswipe at Nils Liedholm, under whose marvellous management Roma had not only won their first League title since 1941 (when Mussolini was manager, according to Helenio Herrera) but drew the Final of the European Cup againt Liverpool as well. *Sic transit gloria*; as they used to say in Rome.

The BRIAN GLANVILLE column

LETTER FROM ITALY

The shape of things to come? Much-coveted Liverpool forward Ian Rush in an acquired Juventus shirt after the Super Cup play-off in Turin.

CLUB FOCUS from Eric Weil in Buenos Aires

How knowing their onions paid off for Argentinos

ARGENTINOS Juniors, one of Argentina's smaller clubs which won the first division title for the first time last season — 80 years after being founded — have done Argentine soccer a lot of good.

Not only are they the club which gave it Diego Maradona, but they have repeatedly played good attacking soccer in an increasingly defensive soccer world . . . and not only is this how they won last year's title, but also how they got so close to winning it twice before in 1960 and 1980.

But they owe it all to Maradona, although the Argentine international star, now playing in Italy, had long since gone when they finally won the title last year.

Argentinos Juniors will never forget the circumstances which led them to sign an entire boys team, "Los Cebollitas" (Little Onions), on the recommendation of one of their scouts in 1974 and convert it into their ninth division. Among them was a 14-year-old called Diego Maradona who became the youngest player ever to appear in the Argentine first division two years later when he was an instant star.

Maradona was transferred, first on loan to Boca Juniors in 1981 and then to Spain's Barcelona a year later, but the huge transfer fee received — Argentinos are still claiming part of it today from the Spanish club — has made Argentinos Juniors not only one of the few Argentine soccer clubs not in debt, but also enabled them to buy practically an entirely new team which brought them the 1984 title.

Maradona was perhaps Argentinos Juniors' first stroke of luck!

The club was founded in the Buenos Aires suburb of Villa Crespo on August 15, 1904 — actually on a building site by a group of youngsters who were known anarchists and had just finished playing a soccer game between two teams known as Martires de Chicago (Chicago Martyrs) and Sol de la Victoria (Sun of Victory).

The boys decided to join up to form a stronger team and named it Asociacion Atletica y Futbolistica Argentinos Unidos de Villa Crespo, but when they went to have a rubber stamp made — which has generally been the first requisite when forming a club or political party here — they found the lengthy name would have made it too expensive, so it was decided to rename the new club Asociacion Atletica Argentinos Juniors under which it is still known today.

Their first meeting place was the house of two of the boys called Domingo and Juan Agostini and as the majority had red shirts, although of different shades, this colour was adopted and is today still used with white collars and sleeves.

They did not have a pitch of their own and in 1909 managed to rent one for 30 pesos a month — less than one US cent today — but were thrown out soon after when they could not pay the rent.

The club won promotion to the then still amateur first division in 1921, but left it when soccer became professional in Argentina in 1931 and a number of clubs broke away. By 1940, already at their present stadium, they were in the second (professional) division which they actually won, but were not allowed into the first division because their stadium was too small. (In spite of improvements, this is still the case today. There is no room to enlarge it further, but the club now uses other stadiums for important matches.)

The 1948 second division championship was suspended with Argentinos Juniors again topping the table, but they were again not promoted as "curious circumstances" resulted in the promotion of the more powerful Atlanta and FC Oeste, regular first division clubs who had been relegated in the previous two years.

In 1955 however, when they again won the second division, they were promoted and have stayed in the first division since. It was a popular promotion for the team which had become known as the "Bichos Colorados" (which could be translated a little red animals, vermin or insects).

In 1960 they were topping the table all the way, but surprisingly lost three of their last four games and were overtaken by Independiente who were then forming the basis of a great team which was later to win numerous honours in the Libertadores Cup. Argentinos lined up with Moreno, Valentino, Ditro, Sainz, Ramaciotti, Malazzo, Canseco, Pando, Carceo, Gonzalez and Sciarra with Carceo finishing as second highest division scorer with 23 goals behind famous Sanfilipo of San Lorenzo. But Carceo and several other players of that team were transferred and Argentinos Juniors were almost relegated the following year.

A new era started for the club when Maradona made his first division debut in 1976. Gates as well as the team's performances rose. In 1979 they finished a point behind River Plate at the top of one of two first division sections — level with Velez Sarsfield against whom they were due to play off for a semifinal place. But Maradona had been suspended for six games and without him Argentinos lost the playoff.

The following year they were second with Maradona forming an outstanding attacking duo with Espindola and — finishing as top first division scorer with 25 goals — being almost entirely responsible for the team's success. The line-up was Alles, Carabelli, D'Angelo, Francescini, Domenech, García, Vidal, Espindola, Favret, Maradona and Morel with Carlos Carizo (goal), Giusti, Beauliau, Solari, Roman, Bartolomei and Arrieta also playing.

Of what many consider the club's best ever team only Domenech remains in the line-up today, while Giusti stars with Independiente.

In 1983 the basis of the current championship team was laid by the now deceased manager Angel Labruna — a maker of champions with River Plate and several other clubs — who lined up Fillol, Ferrero or Mendoza, Villalba, Pavoni, Landucci, Domenech, Lemme, Batista, Espindola, Castro, Pasculli and Ereros although they finished only eighth — 12 points behind champions Independiente.

Attractive

But it was left to Roberto Saporiti, a manager/coach who had had little luck so far — and seemed to be a born loser in club soccer after being assistant manager to Menotti in the national team — to help Argentinos Juniors to their first championship in 1984.

"Our style is simple," he said. "When we have the ball, everybody has to attack. When we lose it, we all have to fight for it."

The result was that they played easily the most attractive football, were the highest division scorers by a wide margin with 69 goals in 36 games and won the title by one point over FC Oeste with an experienced former international defender, Olguin — a World Cup winner in 1978 — outstanding and hardworking midfielders in Batista, Castro and Comisso who were frequently helped out by the wise old head of JJ Lopez coming on in the second half, but only one player in the current national team squad — striker Pasculli who finished as second highest scorer in the championship with 21 goals.

When Pasculli joined the club, he formed a good partnership with Maradona just before the latter left and the story goes that Maradona helped the then still not too well off club to buy him. (It will be remembered that when Maradona went on that controversial loan to Boca Juniors, it was to keep the player in Argentina while Argentinos Juniors could not afford to hold on to him).

Once again however cruel luck almost robbed Argentinos Juniors of the title last year. Fighting neck and neck for the top with FC Oeste and Estudiantes de La Plata over the last few weeks, the fixtures pitted Independiente against their two rivals in succeeding weeks just as the Libertadores Cup holders were due to face England's Liverpool for the Europe-South America Cup in Tokyo.

Independiente fielded less than a reserve team against Estudiantes and lost on the same day as they won in Tokyo and lined up their tired first teamers, who had returned the day before, against FC Oeste the following week and just managed to draw. This, in the end, left Argentinos with their one-point advantage and made them "third time lucky" following their frustrations in 1960 and 1980.

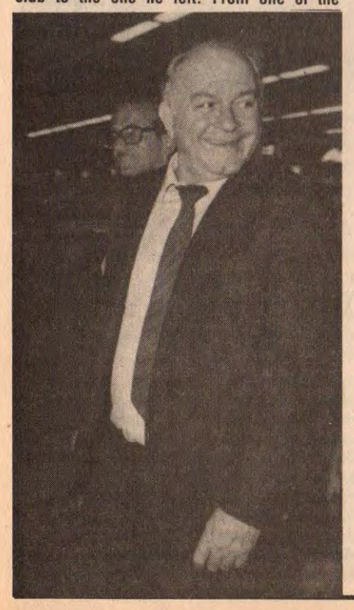
The blow came the day after they won the title . . . coach Saporiti, who had for some time been disenchanted with Argentine soccer and all its problems, had been negotiating for a job in Colombia and by the time Argentinos Juniors won the title negotiations were too far advanced to back out and he has now left for Atletico Junior of Barranquilla, a rare case of a championship, winning manager walking out.

Juan José Yudica was engaged to replace him as the club prepared to take part in the Libertadores Cup for the first time with a not too strong in depth playing staff. But Yudica has said that he will not ask the club to buy players to strengthen the side as he felt that the line-up which played the most attractive and attack-minded soccer in the championship was good enough. He also said that he intended to carry on with the same style.

For the good of Argentine league soccer, let's hope he does!

Tough task for Di Stefano at Boca

THE SPOTLIGHT was on Alfredo Di Stefano (below) at the start of the Argentine season in February as he returned as coach to Boca Juniors after 16 years to find a very different club to the one he left. From one of the leading title winners in the country, Boca has become the club most heavily in debt with constant threats of having facilities auctioned off and with many leading players having left on free transfers because the club could not pay them.



Di Stefano arrived at Boca for the first time as manager in 1968 — a position which in Argentina is not directly related with team manager — but the following year he took over team duties. The team he formed will long be remembered as one of the best the club ever had.

Lining up with Roma, Suñe, Melendez, Rogel, Marzolini, Novello, Madurga, Medina, Ponce, Angel Rojas and Ponce and also frequently including goalkeeper Sanchez, midfielder Villagra and winger Coch, they had no goals against them until their 10th game in the first division championship — when Roma set an unbeaten record (which has since been bettered) — to finally win their section and qualify for a semifinal clash with eternal rivals River Plate.

The two-legged semifinal, with extra time and playoff, lasted 330 minutes and no goals were scored which finally put River Plate into the final due to their better goal difference during the championship. But Boca gained revenge in the national championship which followed when they won the title with a 2-2 draw away to River Plate on the last day.

During that tournament, in which Boca remained unbeaten for 13 games, Di Stefano made some important and advantageous team changes, such as playing the wingers wide on the lines and his greatest virtues were to impose strict discipline and get the best out of his players.

Di Stefano then returned to Spain — where he had already coached without much success — due to family problems.

Born in a suberb of Buenos Aires in 1926, the man known as the "Saeta Rubia" (blond arrow) during his brilliant career as a centre-forward, played for River Plate (1945-7-8-9) and Huracán (1946) in Argentina, Millionarios (1949-52) in Colombia and Real Madrid (1953-64) during their best years and Español de Barcelona (1964-5) in Spain as well as international matches for both Argentina and Spain. The records say he played 1,125 matches and scored 819 goals.

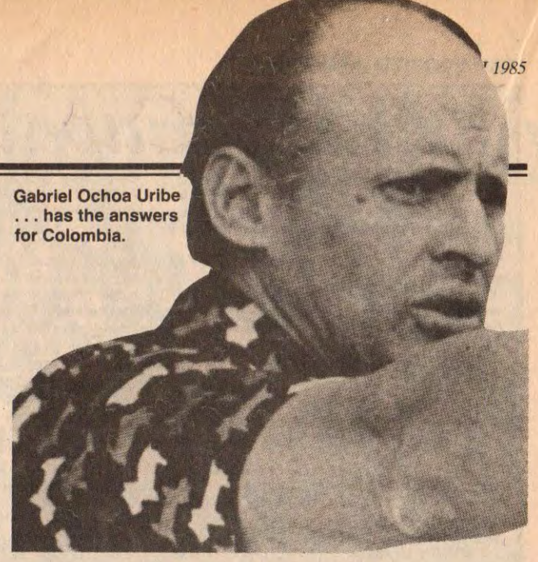
LEADING player transfers . . . *Alejandro Sabella*, Argentine international midfielder, from Estudiantes de La Plata (Argentina) to Gremio (Brazil for 180,000 dollars . . . *Luis Amuchastegui*, Argentine international winger, from San Lorenzo (Argentina) to River Plate (Argentina) on loan for 15,000 dollars and option to buy for another 140,000 dollars.

***LEADING MANAGERS ON THE MOVE* — *Roberto Saporiti* (Argentine) from Argentinos Juniors (Argentina) to Atletico Junior Barranquilla (Colombia) . . . *Juan Mujica* (Uruguayan), lately of Nacional (Uruguay) to Nacional Medellin (Colombia).**

Argentinos' title-winners. Back: Olguin, Domenech, Pavoni, Vidalle, Villalba, Batista. Front: Castro, Videla, Pasculli, Comisso, Ereros.

Fans celebrate Argentinos' championship success on the last day of the season.

ERIC WEIL reports on the World Cup preparations of Colombia and Bolivia.



Gabriel Ochoa Uribe . . . has the answers for Colombia.

Colombia pick a winner

COLOMBIA have picked a winner to help them qualify for the World Cup finals for the first time since 1962 — Gabriel Ochoa Uribe who has just coached his club, America de Cali, to their third straight championship and his personal 10th league title.

Ochoa Uribe had previously won five titles with Bogota's Millionarios (1959-61-62-63-72), one with Santa Fe (1966) and three earlier ones with America (1979-82-83).

Curiously this successful 55-year-old coach is a doctor of medicine and more curiously still his main qualifying group rivals Argentina are also coached by a doctor of medicine, Carlos Bilardo, who was in charge of the Colombian national team before the last World Cup, but failed to qualify them for the finals in Spain in 1982.

In a country where most of the leading clubs are coached by foreigners and the national squad has also had foreign coaches frequently, the designation of Ochoa Uribe was greeted with satisfaction by all sides. He had been offered the job two years earlier — after the last world Cup when Bilardo's contract ended — but turned down the offer in spite of pressure from the country's president, Belisario Betancur, because he did not want the pressure which usually goes with the job.

Efrain Sanchez, a former international goalkeeper (who shone in Argentine league soccer some years ago), was given the job, but resigned late last year after results of international matches had not been as good as expected. Ochoa Uribe was again pressed to take on the job in November and this time accepted on the understanding that it would not interfere with his other work and that he would be completely in charge of training and team selection. At press time however there was pressure on him to resign as coach of America which he does not want to do.

Ochoa Uribe expects Argentina to be the strongest rivals in their qualifying group which also includes Peru and Venezuela, but significantly they have a 1-0 home victory over Argentina last August to their credit although Argentina put up a poor performance, had three players sent off and then went on to win their three tour internationals in Europe. Colombia also played Peru home and away last year — all these games were under Sanchez — drawing on both occasions with unconvincing performances.

The winner of this group qualifies for the World Cup finals in Mexico automatically — play starts on May 26 — while teams placed second and third play for a further place with the runners-up of the other two South American three-team qualifying groups. This would assure Colombia of at least a second chance, but they want to make sure first time.

The squad started training early in January in Cali, composed of the following 22 players:

Goalkeepers — Pedro Zape (Dep. Cali), Luis Gomez (Medellin); Defenders — Norberto Gil, Norberto Molina, Miguel Prince, Alonso Lopez (all Millionarios), Herbert Gonzalez (Tolima), Gildardo Gomez (Medellin), Victor Espinoza (America), Luis Reyes (America); German Morales, José Hernandez (both Millionarios), Carlos Ricaurte, Pedro Sarmiento, Hernan Herrera (all Nacional), Gilberto Granados (Magdalena); Forwards — Amin Bolivar, William Knight, Didi Valderrama (all Atletico Junior), Miguel Cordoba, Arnoldo Iguaran (both Millionarios), Alfredo Ferrer (Bucaramanga).

The make-up of the squad appears to indicate that Ochoa Uribe will rely basically on a 4-3-3 formation, but what strikes one immediately is that he has included only two players (both defenders) of his own club, champions America, while Millionarios have practically their whole team — eight players — in the squad. Although some of America's leading stars are foreigners, it is still felt that Ochoa Uribe had bent over too far backwards to avoid showing preference for the club he coaches.

Also missing for the first time in years from a national team squad is Willington Ortiz, Colombia's most complete player in recent years who is on America's books. But this midfielder, now 33, may be forced to retire from the game as a result of a delicate spinal injury for which he was seeking a cure in the United States at press time. Willington Ortiz made his first division debut with Millionairios in 1972, later moved to Deportivo Cali and finally to America.

Colombian soccer continues to be dominated by foreign stars and this has often been thought to be a disadvantage when trying to form an experienced national team. On the other hand, they have a certain advantage by playing their home games at venues well above sea level where rivals encounter breathing and stamina problems.

The true potential of the squad will be seen when they play a series of full internationals, due to start at the beginning of February against Switzerland, Poland (at home), Paraguay (home and away), Chile (home and away) and Brazil leading up to the World Cup qualifying matches.

BOLIVIA'S STRENGTH PLAYING AT ALTITUDE

BOLIVIA face Brazil and Paraguay in World Cup qualifying matches this year with the winner entering the 1986 Mexico finals directly and the runner-up facing the runner-up and the second and third of the two other South American groups — a tall order for which their trump card will be playing their home matches 4,000 metres above sea level.

Bolivia did not play any internationals during last year — they rarely do in between World Cup or South American championships — and when Argentine coach Carlos "Chamaco" Rodriguez was engaged to take charge of the national team last September he immediately ran into opposition from the clubs who were unwilling to release their players for team training while the domestic championship was in progress so that until the end of the year the national team was able to play only two practice games against local sides.

Now, however, the squad has been concentrated since early January at a hotel on the shores of the Titicaca lake — the world's highest — near La Paz and 4,000 metres above sea level. The modern hotel has all the necessary accessories and playing fields for an excellent training centre and it is intended to keep the players there for a lengthy period to get used to the altitude as over half the squad come from clubs in low-lying regions, specially Santa Cruz. The two home matches against Paraguay and Brazil will be played in La Paz which is nearly as high as the lake.

So far only four matches against Peru — two in each country — have been arranged as a warmp-up for World Cup qualifying games.

The squad in training has an average age of 25 and is composed of Victor Antelo, Eliseo Avaviri, Marco Barrero, Carlos Borja, Rolando Castillo, Rolando Coimbra, Augusto Guillen, Milton Melgar, Miguel Noro, Roly Paniagua, Roberto Perez, Oscar Ramirez, Silvio Rojas, Erwin Romero, Marciano Saldias, Fernando Salinas, Gastón Taborga, Eduardo Terrazas, Carlos Urizar, Felix Vera, Reynaldo Zambrana.

World Cup stadium opened

MEXICO's only new stadium for next year's World Cup finals was officially opened on February 5 in Queretaro, 140 miles northwest of Mexico City, with a tournament also involving selections from Poland, Bulgaria and Switzerland in the presence of Mexican president Miguel de la Madrid Hurtado and FIFA president Joao Havelange.

The Corregidora stadium is the only completely new one of the 12 being used for the World Cup finals while five others are being renovated.

Yugoslav coach Bora Milutinovic, who has been in charge of Mexico's national team for the last two years during whch he has tried out 71 players in 31 matches — picked 34 players for Queretaro.

He will maintain a squad of 40 players until next February and then gradually reduce it to 22.

Milutinovic, who arrived in Mexico 15 years ago to play for Universidad Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM) and later became the club's manager/coach, was the first foreigner to be named as national team coach — despite a lot of criticism — after the last World Cup finals in Spain in 1982 for which Mexico failed to qualify.

Under him Mexico have won 19 games, drawn nine and lost three (although not all were full internationals) against champions Italy (5-0), the Soviet Union (3-0) and Chile (1-0) all away which is a much better record than Mexico has been used to in previous years.

The first stage of the North, Central American and Caribbean champion clubs tournament is scheduled between April 6 and May 26. Draw: Hotel International (Bermuda) v Aurora (Gautemala), Croatian (US) v Olimpia (Honduras), Aguilera (El Salvador) v Suchitepequez (Gautemala), America (Mexico) v Guadalajara (Mexico).

***Costa Rica's* Liga Deportiva Alajuelense won the 1984 title in the last Central American domestic championship to finish by drawing 0-0 with Sport Herediano in the last fixture of the five-team final round. Deportivo Saprissa was second. Alajuelense won the title for the second straight year after also winning the four rounds of the tournament.**

With several games still to play off — postponed during last year's national team tour — Universidad Autonoma de Mexico (Unam) have the best record of 20 teams divided into four sections in the Mexican first division with 32 points from 21 games.

Leading scorer is Cruz Azul's international Agustin Manzo — for once a home-born player! — with 13 goals.

MEXICAN First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Group 1							
America	21	10	6	5	29	21	26
Leon	22	6	10	6	28	27	22
Universidad Nuevo Leon	21	6	7	8	23	24	19
Necaxa	22	3	10	9	24	34	16
Neza	22	2	7	13	21	38	11
Group 2							
Univ Autonoma Mexico	21	15	2	4	48	20	32
Atlas	22	12	6	4	36	26	30
Tampico-Madero	22	9	6	7	40	38	24
Angeles	22	7	6	9	34	43	20
Morelia	22	1	11	10	19	37	13
Group 3							
Universidad Guadalajara	22	10	10	2	38	26	30
Cruz Azul	22	11	6	5	33	23	28
Atlante	22	11	6	5	32	25	28
Atletico Potosino	22	7	7	8	30	35	21
Monterey	22	3	10	9	30	43	16
Group 4							
Guadalajara	22	9	8	5	30	19	26
Puebla	22	8	5	9	32	37	21
Toluca	21	5	9	7	21	27	19
Zacatepec	22	7	4	11	19	30	18
Univ Aut Gudadalajara	22	4	9	9	24	28	17

● After the 20 teams have played each other home and away — total 38 games — the top two of each section qualify for final round.

MORENA GOES OUT ON TOP

FERNANDO MORENA, possibly the last remaining idol of Uruguayan soccer fans, said goodbye to the game at the end of the 1984 season when he scored the winning penalty in a shoot-out won 7-5 by Peñarol against Bella Vista.

The match was a play-off between the two clubs which had tied on points at the top of the final round of the tournament to decide which clubs should enter the Libertadores Cup this year.

Peñarol will be there — thanks to Morena — and the result put Bella Vista into yet another play-off with first division champions Central Español for the second Libertadores Cup place. Bella Vista won 1-0. So Central, the surprising first division champions, will not represent their country in the Cup!

What is more, they almost knocked themselves out of the play-off chance with Bella Vista.

Facing Peñarol in the last final round match, they would have clinched the play-off with Bella Vista if they had lost. A win for Peñarol would have left them in first place alone . . . and they had already qualified for the cup by gaining most points in the season's three tournaments. But Central Español did not play to lose and drew 1-1, leaving Peñarol tied with Bella Vista in first place. If Belle Vista had beaten Peñarol in the play-off, they would have been the second qualifiers and left Central Español with no chance. Difficult to follow, but that's how it was!

In spite of the fans' chanting: "Morena can't leave, Morena can't leave," all though his last match, the 32-year-old international centre-forward who scored over 700 goals with River Plate and Peñarol in Uruguay, Rayo Valeccano and Valencia in Spain and Boca Juniors in Argentina, confirmed his decision during a press conference lasting over one-and-a-half hours after the game.

He intends to do a coaching course this year and then continue in that capacity in the game he loves which he graced for 15 years as a professional.

Nacional, Uruguay's other big club which failed to win a single tournament during 1984, were expected to make sweeping changes after a season of frequent internal upsets as a result of which stars Washington Gonzalez, Juan Carrasco, Carlos Berrueta had to be banned from the squad.

Peñarol meanwhile, with financial problems like the whole of Uruguayan soccer, had to let another leading player go in goalkeeper Gustavo Fernandez. He was granted a free transfer because they were unable to pay him.

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IN PERU, a final round between the second to fourth-placed teams — Melgar, Universitario and Colegio Nacional Iquitos — to pick a team to accompany champions Sport Boys into the Libertadores Cup finished tied and had to be played again.

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IN BOLIVIA, Blooming won the title with a 1-0 play-off victory over Bolivar, Melgar scoring three minutes from the end.

The two teams had won a match each in the two-legged final — Blooming 3-2 and Bolivar 6-3. Blooming and Oriente Petrolero (winners of the regular championship) will play in this year's Libertadores Cup, this being the first time that the country is represented by two clubs from the city of Santa Cruz.

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IN CHILE, the start of the season was held up by the financial difficulties of most of the 46 professional clubs who requested $760,000 state aid, but were refused.

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IN ARGENTINA, a players strike has been declared over the same question which almost produced one last season — freedom of contract for players who for the last two seasons have been playing under provisional contracts while not reaching agreement on terms with their clubs.

Under the existing soccer players labour laws players are entitled to this and once again the culprits are Boca Juniors who would not free defender Ruggeri and striker Gareca.

Brazil lead the youngsters in

BRAZIL won the South American Junior Championship (under 21) in Asuncion (Paraguay) . . . a tournament which, as usual, showed a big difference in experience and brought the usual allegations about players being over age. There was more controversy because this championship was to be used as a qualifier for the next World Youth Cup, now to be held in the Soviet Union later this year after having been moved from Chile, because, according to FIFA president, Joao Havelange, preparations were well behind schedule.

Teofilo Salinas, Peruvian president of the South American Football Confederation (CSF), refuted these charges and his CSF decided that the South American championship would not serve as a qualifier, because member nations intended to boycott the World Youth Cup in protest.

Havelange still insisted that FIFA would nevertheless invite the top three teams to participate and may punish them if they refuse to do so.

In a more usual row, Brazilian coach Jair Pereira, claimed that Paraguay's players were over the age limit, but their documents were in order and the matter was left at that.

With the top two teams of each group qualifying for the four-team final round. Paraguay and Uruguay managed it easily in group A, and Brazil and Colombia came through from group B.

Unkind to Robson

by Paul Parish

AS ENGLAND continue their pursuit of a place in the 1986 World Cup Finals, manager Bobby Robson can reflect on a winter that has, to say the least, been unkind.

The biting cold weather of January threw the fixture list into chaos and confusion and forced Robson to cancel plans for a midwinter get together of his England candidates. Then Bryan Robson, his captain and fulcrum of his side's balance, crashed into hoardings at Old Trafford and dislocated a shoulder.

At first the injury looked like keeping the Manchester United man absent for six weeks and ultimately ruling him out of the World Cup qualifier in Belfast against Northern Ireland on February 27.

Bryan Robson went off to Spain to see whether a little of the Mediterranean sun would speed the healing process, only to return at the beginning of the month with a warning that he would probably not be fit until March.

Manchester United manager Ron Atkinson, keenly aware that Bryan Robson's absence from the Old Trafford brigade had coincided with a dip in his side's fortunes, weighed in that Robson must not be rushed back into action too soon. Atkinson, one suspects, was thinking that his captain's uninterrupted presence during the last two months of the season could yet bring the Championship trophy to Manchester.

The Robson injury, following so soon on the previously reported Southampton incidents involving Mark Wright and Steve Williams, has made this a winter of discontent for England's manager. Happily Wright is back in the fray — in the best possible way — at Southampton, while Williams has begun his settling down process at Arsenal. The fact that Arsenal were dumped from the FA Cup at York and Williams conceded the last minute penalty that ultimately separated the sides, was merely a hiccup along the way.

Bryan Robson

Robson, having established a pattern in the impressive victories over Finland and Turkey, will wish to make few changes for the match with Northern Ireland, or for the friendly at Wembley a month later against the Republic of Ireland.

Mark Hateley, a hero against Finland but absent from the annihilation of Turkey, is now back in action for AC Milan. He will surely return to the forefront of England's forward planning even though he has yet to pick up the goal scoring thread that was delighting Italian crowds before his cartilage injury.

Injury

Apart from finding the right person to fill the gap vacated by Bryan Robson's likely absence, England's other area of doubt is at right back. Mike Duxbury seemed set to take the position over with the permanency once accorded to Liverpool's Phil Neal. Duxbury missed the game in Turkey because of injury was replaced by the adventurous Viv Anderson of Arsenal. Duxbury, however, has been having a less than happy time since recovering from injury.

The Old Trafford clientele have been less than appreciative of his contribution, leaving manager Atkinson with the decision to omit him from the side until the pressure was off.

With Wright still out of favour with Bobby Robson then Terry Butcher will once more provide the heart of England's defence. Butcher, it should be noted, has been playing much of the season at left back with Ipswich but that is unlikely to jaundice the opinion of Robson, the former manager at Portman Road.

MUSHROOMS FOR BINGHAM

SUDDENLY young stars from Northern Ireland are springing up like mushrooms around the English and Irish Leagues. Where once it was a frustrating, and largely unrewarding, search around the lower divisions for enough people capable of knowing the shape of a football, leave alone knowing what to do with it when they took it out onto a pitch, the Northern Ireland international manager today has enough names in his little book to turn out two teams . . . both of them capable of giving a good account of themselves, writes COLIN McALPIN.

And this sudden explosion of young talent, allied to the remarkable revival of the national team under Billy Bingham, has made the team a very popular one around the world. Lots of countries, it seems want to see the boys in green.

Variety

In a large number of cases the invitations to tour have had to be turned aside by the Irish FA, for a variety of reasons: mostly, though, financial.

But one recent invitation was, clearly, too good to reject . . . it came from Spain and instantly revived happy memories of the glory days of the 1982 World Cup Finals there when the unfancied Northern Ireland battled through to the final stages.

The proposed friendly international will be staged on March 27th with, at the time of writing, a possible venue at the Valencia Louis Casanova Stadium.

Bingham is, naturally, delighted at this game since it gives him a chance to keep the squad in shape between the vital World Cup games against England and Turkey, the latter at Windsor Park on May 1.

There have been six internationals between the two, though the most memorable from the Irish point-of-view was the one in 1982 when Gerry Armstrong — himself now a Spanish League player with Second Division Real Mallorca — hit the winner in a 1-0, nail-biting game.

Spain, in the same World Cup group as Scotland, quite simply, in the words of Irish FA secretary David Bowen: "Made an attractive offer which we were delighted to accept."

And there will be a happy headache for Bingham when he sits down to select the squad for the sunshine trip . . . who to leave out!

Consider the friendly last October against Israel. For that game Bingham lined up a team many fans had to scratch their heads over . . . who, for instance, was Jimmy Quinn of Blackburn Rovers? Who was Linfield's Lee Doherty? Ah yes, we'd heard of Brighton's Steve Penney, Sheffield Wendnesday's Nigel Worthington and Leicester City's Paul Ramsey from somewhere, but we couldn't recall the details.

Fashion

That 'unknown' team exploded in magnificent fashion a simply devastating 3-0 victory. And, suddenly, there was a new wave of youngsters staking a claim to a permanent place in the team.

All through the English game there are Northern Ireland players serving their clubs with distinction and new ones emerging week by week. Phil Hughes at Leeds, Jim Harvey at Hereford, Colin Clarke at Tranmere, Paul Agnew at Grimsby, Alan McDonald at QPR, an endless list.

All of which, of course, has an ironic ring to it in light of the decision by the English and Scots to kill off the British Championship.

COLIN McALPIN

Eire in March

THE REPUBLIC of Ireland meet England at Wembley on March 26 in a full friendly international, the nations' first meeting in five years.

The match, a major scoop for the FA of Ireland, both in terms of finance and prestige, will act as a warm-up for both nations' vital World Cup encounters on May 1: England play Rumania in Bucharest (Group 3); Ireland are at home to Norway (Group 6).

The senior international will be complemented by an Under-21 game the previous evening presently scheduled for Fratton Park, Portsmouth. The last Under-21 match between the countries ended in 1-0 victory for England at Anfield on February 25, 1981. Gary Shaw of Aston Villa scoring.

Eoin Hand, Irish team manager, who survived an FAI inquiry on December 14 into Ireland's abysmal defeats versus Norway, particularly, and Denmark, was given a comprehensive vote of confidence (13 to 3, reports stated) and will remain manager until the summer of 1986.

Whether Liam Brady will be available is doubtful. Internazionale are attacking the Italian championship, and chasing the UEFA Cup to boot. Also they are contractually obliged to release Brady only for World Cup and European Championship games.

Meanwhile, on the domestic front, Eoin Hand, who also manages St. Patrick's Athletic, finds his club in deep trouble in the bottom four of the LOI table; where, if they remain, they will be relegated to a new "First Division" next season, joining a further 10, or possibly 12 teams, six/eight of which shall be new to LOI fare.

The remaining 12 will form a "Premier Division", thus making the 1985-86 LOI a two divisioned league for the first time in its history.

PAUL BÜTTNER

Information desk

In reply to those readers missing the statistics from the 1978 Libertadores Cup history feature:

First rnd. Gp 1: Independiente 2-0, 0-1 v LDU (Ec), 2-0, 2-1 v Nacional (Ec), 0-0, 0-0, 1-4 v River Plate; River Plate 2-0, 1-1 v Nacional (Ec), 4-0 0-0 v LDU; Nacional (Ec) 2-0, 2-3 v LDU. **Gp 2:** Alianza (Per) 4-1, 2-2 v Sporting Cristal; 5-1, 4-0 v Oriente Petrolero (Bol); 2-0, 2-0 v The Stringest (Bol); Sporting Cristal 1-0, 1-0 v Or. Petrolero; 1-3, 3-0 v The Strongest; Oriente Petrolero 4-1, 0-2 v The Strongest. **Gp 3:** Un. Espanola (Ch) 0-0, 2-3 v Palestino (Ch); 1-1, 1-1 v Sao Paulo; 1-5, 1-1 v At. Mineiro; Palestino 4-5, 0-2 v At. Mineiro; 2-1, 0-1 v Sao Paulo; At. Mineiro 1-1, 2-1 v Sao Paulo. **Gp 4:** Penarol 4-2, 2-1 v Danubio (Uru); 0-1, 0-2 v Dep. Cali (Col); 0-1, 1-0 v At. Junior (Col); Danubio 3-0, 0-2 v Dep. Cali; 0-0, 0-0 v At. Junior; At. Junior 0-0, 0-0 v Dep. Cali. **Gp 5:** Cerro Porteno (Par) 1-0, 0-0 v Libertad (Par); 1-0, 1-1 v Portuguesa (Ven); 2-3, 1-1 v Estudiantes Merida (Ven); Libertad 1-1, 2-1 v Estudiantes Merida; 0-1, 1-2 v Portuguesa (Ven); Estudiantes Merida 0-0, 0-0 v Portuguesa.

Semi-finals, gp A: Boca Juniors 0-0, 2-0 v River Plate; 3-1, 2-1 v At. Mineiro; River Plate 1-0, 0-1 v At. Mineiro. **Gp B:** Alianza 3-0, 1-3 v Cerro Porteno; 2-3, 1-4 v Dep. Cali; Dep. Cali 1-1, 4-0 v Cerro. **Final:** Dep. Cali 0, Boca Juniors 0; Boca 4 (Perotti 2, Mastrangelo, Salinas), Dep. Cali 0.

Dep. Cali: Zape — Ospina, Caicedo, Escobar, Castro (Correa), Otero (Jaramillo), Landucci, Valverde, Torres, Scotta, Benitez. 2nd leg: Castro sub for Ospina, Umana sub for Otero.

Boca: Rodriguez — Pernia, Sa, Mouzo, Bordon — Benitez, Sune, Zanabria — Mastrangelo, Salinas, Perotti. 2nd leg: Gatti repl. Rodriguez. Veglio sub for J. Benitez.

Graham Gaffrey, Birtley, co. Durham: The Italian league results on December 23 were: Ascoli 0, Milan 1; Atalanta 0, Torino 0; Avellino 1, Lazio 0; Como 0, Verona 0; Inter 2, Sampdoria 0; Juventus 2, Napoli 0; Roma 3, Cremonese 2, Udinese 2, Fiorentina 2. The rearranged match postponed before the SuperCup was replayed with this result: Juventus 1, Lazio 0.

Barrie Wood, Leicester: We have been unable to publish the fixtures for the second half of the Dutch season because the January freeze and subsequent wholesale postponements threw the Dutch football authorities themselves into confusion and prevented confirmation of match dates. As regards the Dutch pre-season tournaments, the Rotterdam tournament is usually in the first week of August, the Amsterdam tournament in the second.

Roy Abbott, Sherwood, Nottingham: The only players on your list still active in first-class football are Ladislav Jurkemik (St Gallen, Switzerland), Konrad Weise (Carl Zeiss Jena), Dudu Georgescu (Gloria Buzau), Rene Botteron (FC Basel), Ivica Surjak (Zaragoza) and Jurica Jerkovic (FC Zurich).

Richard Gürtler, Bratislava, Czechoslovakia: The address of Rudi Krol's current club, AS Cannes, is as follows: AS Cannes, Maison des Associations, BP 221, 9 rue Louis Braille, 06405 Cannes. For the information requested about Rob Rensenbrink and Johnny Dusbaba, contact the Dutch federation (KNVB, Woundergbergsweg 56, Postbus 515, 3700 Am Zeist).

Bo Weye Hansen, Copenhagen: Concerning your questions on the world's stadia: FIFA has no control over whether stadia owners lay turf or 'plastic grass' but what FIFA do try to insist on is that none of their own competitive games are played on anthing but real turf. This rule has been waived in the past for World Cup qualifiers in both Africa and North America. The East German club Rot-Weiss Erfurt still play in the Georgi-Dimitroff-Stadion. However the capacity is 28,000 not 50,000 as had been stated in Rothmans. The other stadia capacities you requested are: Avellino 36,000; Bergamo 40,000; Pisa 35,000; Mendoza 47,500; Cordoba 46,900; Mar del Plata 42,373; Belem 40,000; Brasilia 45,000; Curitiba 60,000; Maceio 35,000; Natal 54,000; Sao Luis 80,000; Recife 114,000; Uberlandia 50,000.

Ibrahim Haruna, Kanosia, Nigeria: The man generally considered the first professional footballer was a Scot, J. J. Lang, when he moved south to join Sheffield Wednesday in 1876. The first European Champions' Cup competition was launched in season 1955-56. The oldest competition of all is the English FA Cup, launched in 1871-72.

Duncan Smith, Organville, Ontario, Canada: For further information about these pictures contact Bob Thomas Sports Photography, 19 Charnwood Avenue, Westone, Northampton NN3 3DX.

Ian Giles, South Woodford, London: The capacity of the Stadio Comunale in Turin, home ground of both Juventus and Torino, is 71,160.

Tim Gilks, Brighton: The present Belgian club RWD Molenbeek was created by a merger of three clubs — Racing (founded 1890), White Star (founded 1910) and Daring (1895). Racing and White Star merged in 1963 to form Racing White (Cup runners-up 1969), who then merged with Daring in 1973. Two years later the new Racing White Daring Molenbeek won the Belgian championship. In the Soviet Union the team Wings of the Soviet last appeared in the first division in 1979, when they were relegated.

Rogelio Lijovitzky, Coburg, Victoria, Australia: The World Club Football Directory is published by Queen Anne Press, Maxwell House, 74 Worship Street, London EC2A 3EN. World Soccer's worldwide subscription rates are printed each month in the Shop Window section.

Peter Morris, Dublin: Dates of birth for the players concerned are as follows: Giuseppe Bergomi (Italy) Dec 22, 1963; Roger Wehrli (Switzerland) Mar 18, 1956; Mircea Rednic (Rumania) Mar 9, 1963; Gheorghe Hagi (Rumania) Feb 2, 1965. Roger Wehrli of Switzerland won his 52nd 'cap' in the friendly against Italy in November.

C. G. Nicholls, S. Ruislip, Middx: Problems arising over the condition of World Soccer when it arrives through the post are best taken up with the Post Office.

Robert McDonald, Melbourne, Australia: Although we carry advertisements from time to time about football videos we never see review material and so don't feel able to comment on quality. If in doubt, write to the companies concerned for references.

Timothy Clark, Abbeydale, Gloucester: The first Cyprus international was a 3-1 defeat by Israel at Tel-Aviv on July 30, 1949. Then, in the 1962 World Cup qualifiers Cyprus drew 1-1 at home to Israel on Nov 23, 1960, and lost 6-1 away four days later.

John Renwick, West Lothian, Scotland: The World Cup players you mention played for the following clubs: Jorge Albrecht (Argentina 1966; San Lorenzo de Almagro); Leonidas (Brazil 1938; Vasco da Gama, Botafogo, Flamengo, Sao Paulo and Nacional of Uruguay); Pedro Cea (Uruguay 1930; Nacional).

John Oliver, Exmouth, Devon: The addresses requested are as follows: New York Cosmos, 44 East 50th Street, New York NY10022; Udinese Calcio spa, Via Cotonificio 94, 33100 Udine.

Brian Outlaw, Redcar, Cleveland: Club colours for the leading Iceland clubs are as follows: (shirt/shorts): Fram, blue/white; Akranes, orange/black; IBK, yellow/blue; IBV, all white; KR, black and white stripes/black; Valur, red/white; Vikingur, red and black stripes/black; Throttur, red and white stripes/white; Thor, all red; UBK, green/white. For copies of the 1984 Iceland league clubs' statistics bulletin, contact Björn Thorsteinsson, Logalandi 16, 108 Reykjavik.

IN REPLY . . .

From D. Clayton, Papendrecht, Holland:

Dutch champions in 1948 were BVV, who play in 's Hertogenbosch popularly referred to by everybody as Den Bosch. Dutch champions in 1949 were SVV who play in Schiedam (not Scheidam, there being a very important difference in the Dutch pronunciation). This anomaly has appeared in British publications for years, (eg in my possession Rothman's Football Yearbook 1974-75 and Encyclopedia of World Football).

A further correction should be made concerning 1956 champions Rapid JC who played in Heerlen, not Haarlem. Out of interest SVV still play professionally in the Dutch second division, although their future has been threatened in recent years by financial problems, lack of support and poor results.

BVV existed for some years as a professional outfit but amalgamated with Wilhelmina in 1967 to form the present day FC Den Bosch. BVV still exists however as an amateur club and play at a reasonably high level. Rapid JC no longer exist having amalgamated years ago with Roda Sport of Kerkrade to form the present day Roda JC.

EVARISTO IS NEW MANAGER OF BRAZIL

WORLD SOCCER DIARY by Keir Radnedge

EVARISTO De Macedo, 51-year-old coach of the Rio club America, is the new surprise choice as manager of Brazil.

The last time Evaristo had anything to do with Brazil's World Cup effort was back on April 22, 1957, when he played centre-forward in the team which qualified for the 1958 finals in Sweden by defeating Peru 1-0 thanks to a Didi free kick.

A couple of months later he left Flamengo to join Barcelona's team of all-stars in Spain, rivalling the Paraguayan Eulogio Martinez for the right to lead an attack which featured Hungarians Kubala, Kocsis and Czibor and Spain's own Luis Suarez.

Born in Rio in 1932 Evaristo trained as a lawyer and scored eight goals in 13 internationals for Brazil before abandoning the new world for the old. He led Barcelona's attack against Benfica in the luckless 1961 Champions' Cup final, having scored a brilliant diving header which helped defeat holders Real Madrid along the way.

Ironically Evaristo became, in 1962, one of the few players to move from Barcelona to Madrid. He stayed two years but was mainly kept in reserve to Ferenc Puskas — as when, for example, Madrid faced Dinamo Bucharest in the 1963-64 Champions' Cup and Puskas thought it inadvisable to risk a trip behind the Iron Curtain.

After returning to Brazil in 1964 Evaristo briefly took up his legal interests before being lured back into football as a coach. He worked with several clubs in Rio before being attracted to Qatar where he achieved his greatest success to date — taking these total outsiders to runners-up spot in the 1981 World Youth Cup.

They only just squeezed through the first round, beating Poland, drawing with the United States and losing to Uruguay. But Evaristo's youngsters scored a personal triumph for him by defeating Brazil 3-2 in the quarter-finals. After defeating England 2-1 in the semi-finals they fell only at the last hurdle, losing 4-0 to West Germany.

Now back in Brazil Evaristo was the CBF's third choice. First they failed to agree release terms with Al Ahly of Saudi Arabia for the release of 1982 boss Tele Santana, then they were rejected by Flamengo coach Mario Zagalo — who had managed Brazil's successful World Cup team in Mexico in 1970.

The baton is thus passed to Evaristo who no doubt hopes that his involvement in the World Cup doesn't end this time with the qualifiers!

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PORTO'S Irish international forward Mickey Walsh made the front pages of the newspapers when his wife gave birth to quads in hospital in London.

His team-mates at Porto were delighted — and amused. Young midfielder Paolo Futre said: "That's the only way anyone else can get headlines now the way Fernando is going."

Fernando is Fernando Gomes, the skipper and centre-forward of Porto who is having a high old time of it where goals are concerned. Surprisingly for a man so slightly built, Gomes has claimed not a few with his head.

One important goal early this season provided the winner for Portugal away to Sweden in the World Cup. But much more recently Gomes headed in a vital goal in the league to bring Porto victory away to Benfica.

That victory underlined Porto's role as championship favourites in front of an 80,000 crowd, most of whom blamed our erratic old friend Manuel Bento, goalkeeper of Benfica, for the goal which was Gome's 24th in 18 games.

The month of January proved as productive as December before it. Gomes scored twice in the 3-0 win away to Rio Ave, all three in the 3-0 derby win at home to Boavista and then that goal in the Stadium of Light. Along the way he also grabbed the only goal — after just 15 seconds — of Porto's cup win away to Farense.

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IN ITALY, while Internazionale put the pressure on Verona at the top, attention lately has been turning on the personal battle of Giancarlo Antognoni.

Fiorentina's captain, one of Italy's most skilled of footballers, may be lost to the game as a result of the leg fracture he suffered in February last year in a game against Sampdoria.

It was thought that Antognoni — remember he missed the World Cup Final in 1982 because of injury after only just recovering earlier from a fractured skull — would be fit to play again at the end of last year. But for all the exercises, such as pedalling a one-pedal (the right) bike for hundreds of laps round the stadium, the leg still caused trouble.

In mid-January Antognoni travelled to see a Swiss specialist. The news was grim. Antognoni was told that he would need another operation which could delay his return a further seven months.

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LETTERS continue to pour in from readers and inquiries from a host of British news and photographic agencies wanting to know Spanish fixtures for the rest of the season.

The interest, particularly from the media, is easily understandable. Everyone wants to be there on the day Terry Venables, Steve Archibald and Barcelona make mathematically sure of success in the Spanish championship for the first time in 11 years.

Just to repeat the message for those who have missed it in earlier issues, Spanish fixtures present a problem. Because of a row over pools cash — at present 1 per cent goes to the clubs, but they are demanding 6 per cent — the league are refusing to announce match schedules more than a few weeks in advance.

The idea is that this will hinder the pools set-up though effects appear to have been comparatively minimal.

Money is a sore point in Spanish football. There is also an ongoing dispute over television fees and all the time the clubs' bank managers are tearing their hair out over the game's estimated £60 million debts.

The clubs are also claiming a £15 million refund from the state as promised towards the costs of stadia renovation and development for the 1982 World Cup finals. There appear few signs of resolving the deadlock.

The Sports Minister suggested that as part of a state-imposed settlement to the pools dispute, the government might write off the entire debt of the professional game. Hardly surprisingly, on-one — not even the desperate clubs — take him seriously.

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UNLIKE Venables, Archibald and Co, some Britons don't settle abroad. David Fairclough, former Liverpool "supersub" lately released by Lucern is one.

The Swiss were patient with him, but generally he had a poor time there — apart from one televised hat-trick last season which helped to buy time.

One problem of the British player going abroad was amply, and sadly demonstrated in a recent comment by ex-Scotland striker Ian Wallace, discussing his probelms in France with Brest. Wallace said: "The coach couldn't speak English, I couldn't speak French and *he* made no effort to communicate with *me*. My italics.

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ONE player moving the other way is Icelandic wonder boy Sigurdur Jonsson. He's joined high-flying English First Division club Sheffield Wednesday, whose manager Howard Wilkinson stole a march on half Europe to sign the 18-year-old.

Jonsson says he will need plenty of time before he settles into the English game. He said: "I have not played a serious game since October because of the winter shut-down in Iceland. I have kept in training, of course, but that is not the same as playing matches in a fully professional championship.

"I know I will have to work hard in England. Wednesday are rated one of the fittest teams in the league and I am just a teenager who has been playing as an amateur in Iceland.

"But I believe I can learn so much with Wednesday and prove myself as a player. I just need time."

Work permit problems have now all been ironed out.

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ALLAN SIMONSEN is back in international football. The little Dane who appeared to have had his career prematurely ended after breaking his leg in the European championship finals, made his national team comeback in the recent Central American tour.

Simonsen appeared for part of the game both in the 3-0 victory by a Danish Select over a Honduras League XI, and then in the surprise 1-0 defeat the official Danish national team suffered against Honduras in Tegicigalpa.

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MICHEL HIDALGO, by his retirement as national manager, has virtually placed himself above criticism in France.

His every word is treated like a biblical text and discussed and pondered over in that way only the French can.

But there was a time when Hidalgo wasn't so popular or his opinions so highly-rated. That was in the spring of 1966 when he was leader of the players' union and threatening strike action in the struggle to achieve freedom of contract.

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WALTER MEEUWS and Jos Daerden, two of the Standard Liege scandal culprits, have been banned sine die from representing Belgium.

This decision was taken by the Belgian federation in response to the players' attempts to have their domestic 18-month ban from all football lifted in the courts.

Meeuws, who is about to start a new career with Ajax, is 33 anyway so the national team ban is academic. But Daerden, also in Holland with Roda Kerkrade, is 30 and had been hoping for a return to the World Cup action.

For national manager Guy Thys the decision — which caused a storm inside the federation and the resignation of the long-serving international committee chairman — couldn't have come at a more inappropriate time.

In the wake of the shock defeat by Albania, Thys had let it be known that the impending return of the banned Standard men meant the axe for some of the Tirana flops such as Frank Van der Elst of Brugge, Anderlecht's Michel De Groote and Beveren's Eddy Jaspers.

Meanwhile, back at Standard, Guy Vandersmissen completed his scandal suspension and made his league comeback in the 3-3 draw with Racing Jet. However the fine form of goalkeeper Gilbert Bodart over the past 18 months means that Michel Preud'homme stays on the substitutes' bench for the time being.

OBITUARY — *Alfredo Foni.* Died in Breganzona, Switzerland, one week after his 74th birthday. Foni first made his name as a youthful fullback in Italy with Udinese, for he was born in Udine on Jan 20, 1911. In 1929 he was signed by Lazio, staying two years in Rome and then three with Padova. But it was after joining Juventus in 1934 that his career took off. A right-back, Foni made his Italy debut in a 1-0 win over the United States in Berlin at the start of the 1936 Olympics. After left-winger Cappelli was injured in the next match, Foni was chosen to become captain by manager Vittorio Pozzo as Italy went on to win the final 2-1 against Austria after extra time. With Juventus Foni was champion of Italy in 1934 and cup-winner in 1938 and 1942. But after the 1936 Olympics the experience of Eraldo Monzeglio of Roma prevented Foni forcing his way into the full national team until the 1938 World Cup was under way. In the first game, Monzeglio was given such a runaround by Norwegian winger Brustad — Italy scraped a win only in extra time — that Foni was brought in for the 3-1 win over France in the quarter-finals. He was still there when Italy beat Hungary in the Final and went on to total 23 international appearances before the war forced his retirement.

After, Foni turned to coaching. He worked at Venezia, Casale, Pavai and Sampdoria in quick succession before being appointed by Internazionale in 1952. Inter had been left behind in the race for top South Americans by Milan, and in the race for the star Scandinavians by Juventus. But Foni beat them all with his tactics — using the right back as a second central defender and pulling the right-winger into midfield. For two years this defensive pattern saw Inter to the league title before Foni went on to appointments with Bologna and Roma. In the mid-1950s he was Italy's national manager. His reign started brightly with a 2-0 victory over Argentina in Rome in December 1954, but ended in the disaster of defeat by Northern Ireland in Belfast and failure to qualify for the 1958 World Cup finals.

He put his personal record straight in the mid-1960s after becoming Swiss manager. Taking over in 1964 Foni took his adopted homeland to the 1966 World Cup finals. Switzerland went out in the first round but qualifying was in itself enough to earn Foni a new four-year contract. Not everyone was on his side, however, and when illness forced him to miss the 7-1 win over Romania in 1968 he was ungraciously replaced.

Pepi Humpal. Died in Neuchatel, Switzerland, aged 67. Born at Olomouc, Moravia, on Jan 2, 1918, Humpal was a goal-scoring centre- or inside-forward who played all his career in Czechoslovakia with Bata Zlin before moving to France in 1946 to join Sochaux. In his first season he scored 45 goals in 42 games to bring them out of the second division. In 1948 he scored 20 goals in the first division and the following season was joint top scorer on 26 with Baratte of Lille. Now he was a marked man and he was getting no younger. His goals return diminished quickly, first to 11 goals in 1949-50, then to nine and in 1951 he moved to Montpellier before becoming Strasbourg player-coach in 1952. Later came posts at Beziers and Strasbourg again before he moved to Switzerland and Neuchatel.

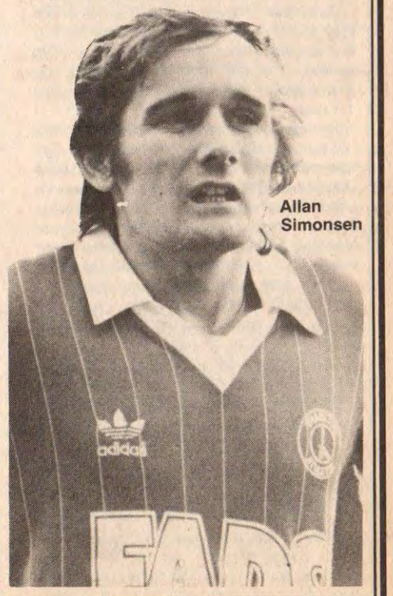
Daniel Gonzalez. Uruguayan international centre-back of Vasco da Gama (Brazil) died aged 30 after his car skidded off the road near Rio de Janeiro. Gonzalez, born in Puga, Uruguay, on Dec 22, 1953, had been a key figure in Vasco's near misses last year in both the national championship and the Carioca league. He played previously with another Brazilian club, Corinthians of Sao Paulo.

Käthe Dassler. Widow of the founder of the Adidas sportswear empire, Frau Dassler died in December aged 67. Born in Pirmasens, West Germany, she worked with her husband Adi Dassler to build up the firm from its small beginnings to today's dominance of the world market with exports to 160 countries and a daily production of 280,000 pairs of boots, leisure shoes, etc. Adi Dassler died in 1978. Son Horst Dassler is new chairman of the managing board. He is also one of the partners in the Adidas holding company.

The month ahead

MARCH 3
WC: Ecuador-Chile.
MARCH 6
European Cup quarter finals, 1st legs . . . Intl: Algeria-Hungary.
MARCH 10
WC: Uruguay-Ecuador.
MARCH 13
Intl: Greece-Italy.
MARCH 17
WC: Chile-Ecuador.
MARCH 20
European Cup qtr fms, 2nd legs . . . Intl: Hungary-Algeria.
MARCH 24
WC: Chile-Uruguay.
MARCH 26
Intls: England-Rep. Ireland, U-21: Switzerland-Czechoslovakia.
MARCH 27
WC: Belgium-Greece, W. Germany-Malta, Yugoslavia-Luxembourg, Scotland-Wales. Intls: Switzerland-Czechoslovakia, S. Union-Austria.
MARCH 31
WC: Ecuador-Uruguay.

GOLDEN BOOT leaders. — Gomes (Porto) and Tychosen (Vejle) and Lipponen (TPs) 24 goals each; Nielsen (OB) 21; McGaughey (Linfield) 20; Christensen (Lyngby), Andreyev (SKA Rostov) 19 each; Lius (Kuuysi Lahti), Polster (FK Austria), Halilhodzic (Nantes) and McDougall (Aberdeen) 18 each.



Allan Simonsen

German clubs tops

Reports from Arthur Rotmil

WEST GERMAN club sides have been tops in Europe for the past 13 years. English teams have won more trophies (12) than the Germans (8), but the Bundesliga representatives take first place in the statistics covering all three competitions in that period.

Soon after taking over the Fairs' cup and renaming it the UEFA-Cup in 1971 the European Union introduced merit tables over five-year periods to determine the number of clubs allowed from each country into the UEFA-Cup the next season.

Each club receives two points for a win, one point for a draw and there are three additional points for each finalist, two points for a semi-finalist and one point for a quarter-finalist. The points are then added up and divided by the number of teams competing from each country to arrive at the so-called co-efficient.

The three nations with the highest co-efficient over five years are allowed four teams each in the next UEFA-Cup, the nations placed fourth to eighth enter three teams each, those from the 9th to 21st position two teams and the remainder only one team each.

From the UEFA merit tables it appears that the West Germans have gained most points in every five-year period since 1971. England are second overall, followed by Holland and the Soviet Union. In the tables for each individual season the Germans have been tops in five out of the 13 terms. England topped the seasonal rankings twice.

Here it should be noted that the oft (mis-) used expression in England referring to 'British' teams is plainly inaccurate. There are no official statistics comprising British clubs simply because there is no British Football Association. UEFA and all other European countries never include British teams only those from the separate F.A.'s of England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.

West German winners since 1972 have been Bayern Munich (3) and Hamburger SV (1) in the Champions Cup; Hamburg in the Cup Winners Cup; Borussia Mönchengladbach (2) and Eintracht Frankfurt in the UEFA-Cup. The Germans also provided seven finalists.

After a miserable year (the worst since the foundation of the *Bundesliga* 21 years ago) in which all the clubs were eliminated by the third round of the UEFA-Cup, the *Bundesliga* now boasts two quarter-finalists — Bayern Munich in the Cup-winners' Cup and Cologne in the UEFA-Cup. Both have drawn tough Italian opposition, but they will at least cash in handsomely from certain full houses in the home leg.

Bayern's revival and rise to the top of the table is remarkable in so far as the club suffered a spate of injuries and also the loss of their best player Karl-Heinz Rummenigge transferred to Inter-Milan last summer. Many experts thought that the departure of Breitner and now Rummenigge would sink the Bavarians into anonymity. But surprisingly enough the rest of the squad has taken wings upon the exit of the two superstars.

Nearly every player has suddenly become aware of his responsibilities and is over-ambitious. As if they wanted to show the football world that the "cult of personality" was a misplaced attitude in Munich. Players like Dremmler and the new team captain Augenthaler have blossomed out on their new roles of advisers to the younger members and are providing an inspiration.

Of course the transfer of Rummenigge has left a void in attack where his younger brother Michael, the newly acquired Wohlfarth and Mathy lack experience of big time. If they don't convince this season then Bayern will have to dig into the Rummenigge millions to buy a striker. The crunch could come in Europe against AS Roma.

Klaus Augenthaler . . . Bayern captain.

A defeat would cost Bayern dearly and they need the money to pay the wages of 27 full-time professionals. Bayern still pay bonuses of £1,000 a man for an away win and £750 for a home win. A total of £200,000 has already been paid out on bonuses this season of which £140,000 were for league matches, £25,000 for beating Moss and Plovdiv in Europe, £10,000 for reaching the DFB-Cup quarter-finals and £25,000 in outstanding payments.

But Bayern are riding high in popularity stakes. Instead of the expected average gates of 28,000 they are counting 35,400 per match. The tie with Roma should bring Bayern at least £400,000.

Goalkeeper Jean-Marie Pfaff could be leaving Bayern soon. The Belgian international is said to have made contacts to Paris St Germain which he admitted during the recent indoor tournament in Paris.

Karl-Heinz Rummenigge meanwhile will be seen in action in Cologne who are also calculating they will earn handsomely from the return leg on March 20 against Inter-Milan. A full house of 61,188 should bring in receipts of £400,000, plus £65,000 from television fees from both games.

Coupled

But there was a shock when the Ministry of Economics for the state of North-Rhone-Westfalia had forbidden the club to sell £30,000 tickets for the home league match with Eintracht Brunswick coupled with obtaining a ticket for the Iner-Milan game. The equivalent to the 'Office of Fair Trading' allowed only 25,000 tickets to be put on sale under such pre-condition. They threatened Cologne with a fine of £250,000 if they didn't comply.

Most *Bundesliga* clubs completed their preparations for the second half of the season with indoor tournaments, other ventured into warmer climes to escape the big freeze at home, like Eintracht Brunswick who spent ten days in Spain, Hamburger SV who travelled to Israel and Borussia Mönchengladbach to Egypt, but it was Cologne who undertook the most ambitious trip of all that of Central America. They cashed in in from five games in El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras but paid for it with injuries to goalkeeper Schumacher (blood infection) and defender Prestin (spinal dislocation), while Littbarski was sent off.

Rumours started in the British Press that Cologne want to re-engage the England striker Tony Woodcock, 29. His contract with Arsenal expires in June and no new agreement had been reached. Woodcock was transferred from Nottingham Forest to Cologne in November 1979 for the still existing Bundesliga record fee of £650,000.

After three years in Germany he moved to Arsenal for the same fee in the summer of 1982. Cologne's business manager Michael Meier admits that the club have been in contact with Woodcock but claims that the fee demanded (again £650,000) is too high for them to consider.

The future of Cologne's and the national team's goalkeeper Harald Schumacher, who has been nearly 13 years with the club, is still uncertain afer a dispute over a new contract. There are two major stumbling blocks which have so far prevented any quick settlement. First, Schumacher wants a five-year contract, but since he will be 31 on March 6 the club is not disposed to grant him such a long extension, moreover as the world class goalkeeper is expecting a salary of £110,000 a year.

Secondly, Schumacher has signed a lucrative personal contract with the sports equipment manufacturer Adidas till the end of 1987.

Refuse

Cologne have, however, changed their supplier after 20 years with Adidas to the rival organisation Puma who made them an offer they couldn't refuse. Schumacher who is determined at the end of his career to become an Adidas representative refuses to switch back and he already turned down a big offer from Puma.

A compromise solution that he should wear Puma shoes and an Adidas' strip has been rejected. Schumacher, West Germany's Footballer of the Year is rated the best goalkeeper in Europe. At the poll for Europe's Footballer of the Year for 1984 he was ranked seventh, but the top 'keeper.

The national team's first outing of the year against Hungary in Hamburg ended in a disappointing 1-0 defeat. The game attracted only 25,000 spectators; the net proceeds were in aid of relatives of victims who perished in the Hamburg harbour when a pleasure ferry sank last autumn.

The setback was not taken too tragically by team chief Franz Beckenbauer who took the opportunity to test new players. He introuduced the full-back Thomas Berthold 20 (Eintracht Frankfurt) and as substitute his club mate Thomas Kroth (25). The highly rated midfielder Olaf Thon (Schalke) played from the start this time.

Winger Littbarski (Cologne) was recalled, while goalkeeper Uli Stein (Hamburg) played in he first half, Schumacher in the second. Defender Frontzeck and striker Mill (both Borussia Mönchengladbach) were tried again as subs. The Italian exiles Rummenigge and Briegel didn't risk their limbs only their reputations; they were disapointing.

It appears that the Germans still have a lot to do to regain their position as Europe's best national team. The fact that the ground was in poor state and that the winter break hampered preparations can hardly be used as an excuse for the Hungarians were similarly handicapped, though they did come from a three-week training camp which showed in their superior team work.

Swiss win in Mexico

THE SWISS national team began their preparations for the World Cup campaign even before the clubs were back after a three-month winter break.

A squad of 18 were taken by national team manager Paul Wolfisberg on a tour of South and Central America. The expedition accompanied by 150 fans (!) flew to Bogota where the team opened the programme with a 2-2 draw against Colombia.

They then moved on to Mexico where they lost 1-0 to Bulgaria but beat Mexico 2-1 at Queretaro, one of the World Cup venues. The last match was against the United States in Tampa (Florida) and was a 1-1 draw.

Injuries and other commitments ruled out some established internationals. Egli was wanted by his German club Borussia Dortmund, Barberis and Ponte were injured. Of the others Lüdi is still recovering from a lengthy injury, Matthey has just changed clubs, Cina had to spend three weeks on a refresher course with the army!

There has been some keen activity on the transfer market recently. Lausanne Sports have signed the Danish interntional Steen Thychosen (26) who was his league's top scorer with 24 goals for Vejle. He was formerly also with Borussia Mönchengladbach in Germany and Molenbeek in Belgium. Lausanne had an option on the 45 times capped Hungarian forward Andras Töröczik, 29, but his club Ujpest Doza felt the fee of £80,000 was not enough. Lausanne meanwhile tried to get rid of the Swede Thomas Sunesson to Benfica to accommodate Thychosen.

FC Zurich signed Markus Tanner, 30, who was formerly with Basel and holds ten caps. He was lately with Lucerne. Champions Grasshoppers in danger of losing their title have engaged Christian Matthey, 23, from La-Chaux-de-Fonds. He began his career with Vevey and was lately with Servette, then again at Vevey and Fribourg. before signing for Chaux-de-Fonds.

David Fairclough, 27. once highly rated as Liverpool's 'supersub' has been discarded by Lucerne Team manager Bruno Rahmen said: "The Fairclough Chapter is finished as far as I am concerned." Fairclough cost Lucerne all told £250,000 when he joined in 1983. He was lately been criticised as unco-operative and making impossible demands. He claimed to have had offers from five English clubs, two from the First Division.

Fairclough trained in December with Everton then disclosed that Cardiff City and Wolves had approached him but he is not interested in Second Division football.

Rapid face Dresden

TWO CLUBS carry Austria's hopes in the quarter-finals of the European competitions: FK Austria, the country's technically most accomplished team, have the tougher task in meeting the holders Liverpool, and Rapid — who will face a reception at Dynamo Dresden not nearly as hostile as at Celtic Park.

FK Austria have been the country's only European finalists so far having reached that stage of the Cup-Winners' Cup in 1978 before losing to Anderlecht.

The club started well in the league championship losing only one game (to Austria Klagenfurt) and one point each to Rapid and Alpine Donawitz before winter break; in 16 matches they scored 13 wins, 2 draws, one defeat with a goal tally of 50-13. They scored more than any other club and conceded the fewest goals. They are favourites to win the title but after a long winter break they may not be physically match fit to face Liverpool.

The former international Thomas Parits, 38, rejoined last summer as team manager. He also once played in Germany for Eintracht Frankfurt and Cologne.

He has a wealth of international experience but admits that his players will be severely handicapped in Europe. The board has been solidly behind Parits even when he took unpopular measures like leaving out the internationals Robert Sara and Karl Daxbacher.

Two "Austrianers" who on their own admission have become "more sensible and disciplined" made recent comebacks in the national side, Toni Polster and Gerd Steinkogler. The latter once had an unsuccessful spell with Werder Bremen in Germany. Polster had scored 18 goals in the first half of the season and is on course for honours in the European "Golden Boot" competition.

Steinkogler has scored 10 goals and his undergone a remarkable transformation. Parits played a vital role in the player's all-round improvement. The boss took the talented Steinkogler who failed successively at Werder Bremen, FK Austria, Innsbruck and Grazer AK, despite some soul-searching and opposition back to FK and gave him another chance.

The speedy striker who is powerful in the air, used to be known as unreliable and erratic, but he relented in his life style as well. Formerly Steinkogler was something of a playboy, a frequent visitor to night clubs. Now he has become more responsible and also leads a more orderly private life.

Robert Sara meanwhile who, as an 18-year-old, celebrated a sensational debut in the national side who beat England at Wembley by 3-2 in 1965, and has always played for FK Austria, has left the club after 20 years. The 38-year-old defender has moved to Favoritner AC. When he invited his club mates to a farewell dinner on leaving FK Austria, there was no invitations for Parits . . .

NANTES LICK THEIR W

NOT a well-augured start, or re-start, for the French Championship last January, when the whole weekend programme had to be put off for the wretched winter weather.

But the battle at the top of the table between Nantes and Bordeaux seems likely to last all the way; Bordeaux and Nantes being matched on the second weekend of the resumption, Nantes still licking their wounds from that astonishing defeat at home by a (Wallace-less) Brest, just before the winter break began.

One player who will be very closely watched during this second half of the season is the 18-year-old Auxerre centre-half, Basile Boli, originally from the Ivory Coast. He did so well in the first half of the season that he is already being spoken of as a

From André Duclos

World Cup player for France in Mexico; in a position where we have never been exactly swamped with talent.

The irony of it is that Basile wanted to join Sochaux, where he had successfully played a trial, only to be urged by his brother Roger to go to Auxerre. It still needed a great deal more persuading, at the Bolis' home in Paris, by Basile's eventual mentor at Auxerre, Daniel Rolland. But then irony supervened. At Auxerre, Basile came up through the junior teams with the speed of light, while Roger has been slow to develop. At Auxerre they say generously that Roger is just as talented as his brother but is slower to mature. We shall see.

Truth to tell, Basile has not exactly uprooted trees so far in the Under-21 team, where a certain Mark Hateley, at Sheffield, last season, scored four goals when he was marked by him. But it is also fair to say that only on two occasions in his first five Under-21 appearances was Basile permitted to play in his proper role, as a centre-back.

He was but 16 years and four months when he made his first Championship appearance for Auxerre, as substitute for the Polish international centre-forward Szarmach. Basile was put in his proper place at centre back and at once found himself marking the formidable Eric Pécout, Monaco's then centre-forward. "It's the greatest memory of my career," he says. "A dream. I was a novice, and all of a sudden, I found myself facing my idols. I was dead from fear. But after five minutes, everything was all right. No more butterflies."

But as he made giant strides and became a clear candidate for French international honours, there was the problem of his nationality. He was, after all, born on the Ivory Coast. The dilemma was eased by the fact that his father had double nationality. The Auxerre manager, Guy Roux, sent a representative to Abidjan to clear things up; with success. But Basile has had qualms about it all.

The African Cup was just about to begin and Basile's name was among the 22 listed by the Ivory Coast. He had shoals of letters, he says and, as is his custom answered every one. He tried to explain that while he still clung to

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Greek farce as the ref loses his trousers

From Lou Economopoulos in Athens

IT WASN'T too many years ago that a Greek referee lost an ear to an irate player. Now we have the case of a referee who lost his pants in a scuffle with angry fans.

Stelios Rinious, a referee from Rhodes who is a veteran of first division contests, was called to officiate a third division battle at the end of January between the local Aianta team and the visiting Anagenisi of Arta.

It was only fitting that the match was held on the island of Salamis, where one of the biggest battles in Greek history took place, when the ancient Greeks once turned back the invading Persians.

Both teams, from the opening whistle, showed that they were not the best of friends and Rinious was forced to give out many yellow cards. Then, at the 85-minute mark, and the score deadlocked 0-0, the home team scored a "goal", only to have it refused because one of the linesmen thought one of the Aianta players offside.

This, needless to say, infuriated the home town crowd. Nothing happened until Rinious blew the final whistle — then all hell broke loose.

Some 1,500 fans stormed the pitch, knocking down fences, overcoming the 26 policemen (the entire police force on the island) and beating up surrounded Rinious and his linesmen.

"They beat us until we fainted and threatened to kill us," wrote Rinious in his report after the match. In shock and half naked, the three officials ran for their lives, to be saved by police and a few other fans. They were placed in a police armoured vehicle for protection for three hours after the match had ended.

If that wasn't enough, some 500 cars owned by irate Aianta fans blocked the road to the ferry connecting the island with nearby Piraeus. Riot police from Piraeus had to be called to end the blockade.

Two hundred of the fans have filed legal suits against the referee and shops on the island were closed for one day after the match in protest over the "poor officiating."

Aianta president Dimitrios Kutsuhis said: "We did all we could to protect the referees. We didn't arrive in time, however. Within seconds the fans were inside the pitch. We don't agree with their methods, but we do understand why they were upset. The referee had disallowed a certain goal and did not award us two certain penalties."

Rinious and his linesmen were not the only officials in trouble that day in Greece. During the second division contest between home club Edessaikos and Yiannena (the home team lost 3-1), angry fans tried to lynch the three officials who had to stay in the police station for five hours after the match.

Members of Parliament from Edessa said they would bring up the subject of poor officiating in Parliament while shops in town closed in protest and taxi drivers went on a five-hour strike.

Meanwhile, in the first division, PAOK of Salonica continued to have a four-point edge despite a 0-0 draw at home with weak Apollon of Athens.

Olympiakos slipped into a three-way tie for second place with Panathinaikos and AEK (each with 22 points) on the strength of a 3-1 triumph over Iraklis in front of 65,000 fans at the Olympic Stadium. The game featured a goal by international goalie Nikos Sarganis for Olympiakos from the penalty spot. It was only the third time in Greek soccer history that a goalkeeper scored at the other end.

Panathinaikos were in Crete during the last match in January and came away with a 1-1 draw against OFI. A couple of Panathinaikos players also left the island with black eyes after a scuffle with OFI fans in a local restaurant.

AEK continued their winning ways thanks to five goals by 16-goal top scorer Thomas Mavros the Athenian club won at home against last-placed Aegaleo 5-2.

TOUGH

THINGS are going from bad to worse for former West German national team chief Jupp Derwall.

Now with Galatasaray in Turkey, Derwall saw his men suffered a shock home defeat by 3-1 against Denizlispor in the first game of the season and little has gone right since.

By halfway Galatasaray had won only seven games, lost four and drawn six, scoring 19 goals and conceding 14. Yet one of those victories was in the derby away to high-flying Besiktas when Galatasaray even hit back after going behind to a quick strike from Sekerbegovic. Goals from Rüdiger Abramczik, the former West German forward, and Turkey's Erdal Keser (two) secured the points.

Derwall and his imported stars have hogged most of the media attention. But it soon became clear that the decision last summer to sell off the league's top scorers, Yugoslavs Hosic and Seydic, was a major blunder.

Both are still scoring regularly. Aykut of Sakaryasor is the league's leading scorer with 15 goals, but next come Seydic, now Bursaspor, with 11, and Hosic, now Sariyer, with eight.

Derwall, of course, has had to bear the brunt of the criticism. He says: "We play in slow motion. That's the trouble. Football is a simple game but we make it difficult. We have talented players but it will take some time before we reach a high standard.

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his origins in the Ivory Coast, he was a professional footballer and wanted to aim as high as possible. He says that the letters he now received are of congratulations.

Wingers, wingers. It looks as if the second-half of the season won't be an easy one for the eternally controversial Laurie Cunningham, now with Olympique Marseille. The recently appointed manager Cahuzac doesn't, alas, seem to share the enthusiasm for Cunningham manifested by his predecessor; or, in the past, by such as Ron Atkinson and the Yugoslav Boskov, then at Real Madrid.

During the winter break, Marseilles arranged a friendly match against Ales, and it was noted and notable that while Cunningham spent a long while warming up on the touchline, he was never called up to take part in the game. It remains to be seen whether Cahuzac will find any use for this gifted but unpredictable player in the latter half of the season. Just as it remains to be seen whether Bordeaux will begin to get their money's worth out of that other winger, and more than a winger, the brilliant but unlucky Portuguese international, Chalana.

He was as we know not fit yet when the campaign began anew. But if he could be fully fit and in form by the time the two European Cup ties are due against Dniepr next March, what a Bordeaux midfield that could be: Chalana, Tigana, Giresse! Music of the spheres!

Michels has to step down

From Jan-Hermen De Bruijn

RINUS MICHELS, 57, has had to step down as national manager of Holland after an emergency operation following two heart attacks.

Leo Beenhakker, who returned to Holland last summer from Spain to coach unfashionable Volendam after an impressive spell with Zaragoza, has been appointed caretaker. His reign includes all three forthcoming World Cup qualifiers against Cyprus (Feb 27), Austria and Hungary.

Nike, the sportswear firm who sponsor Volendam, were none too happy that Beenhakker should be taking time away for the national team. It seems they will also do all they can to block any move to make his appointment permanent.

Prospects of Michels returning to the job appear remote and it was on his recommendation that the KNVB turned to Beenhakker and said: "I think it's sad that I will have to take over in these circumstances."

Meanwhile in league action PSV regenerated interest in bread-and-butter competition with the 4-1 away win over Ajax which kept the Philips club battling away, level at the top of the table.

The game in Amsterdam between Ajax and PSV was of excellent quality watched by Ron Atkinson, manager of Manchester United. Atkinson, watching PSV defender Ernie Brandts, saw him play a very good match, but failed later that night to persuade him to sign for United.

The match was so dominated by PSV that Ajax did not score until the last minute. In the first half Brandts and René Van der Gijp scored and in the second half there were goals again for Van der Gijp and Michel Valke before Ajax substitute Johnny Bosman made it 1-4.

Despite this 4-1 defeat Ajax were the "half-time-masters" after all. In their 15 games they dropped only four points, two fewer than PSV, even though PSV did not lose one single game.

FC Groningen are hoping to do well this season, increasing capacity at their Oosterpark-stadion from 16,500 to 20,200. And Groningen are hoping to offer their loyal supporters an extra present. They have been battling with the Brazilians of Botafogo and also West Ham for the signature of Johan Neeskens, the Dutch World Cup star of 1974 and 1978 released by New York Cosmos.

UGH FOR DERWALL

From Hasan Cemali in Istanbul

the club directors that my development plan would be successful in ten years. But they don't seem to understand the long-term approach . . ."

Galatasaray were sixth at halfway, with 20 points from their 17 games, a poor return indeed for the investment in Derwall, whose two-year contract is worth £300,000, and for the £600,000 splashed out in signing Keser, Abramczik, Burak (from Borussia Dortmund) and Yugoslavia's European championship goalkeeper Zoran Simovic (from Hajduk Split).

Top of the table now are Besiktas. Fourth last season, they engaged Yugoslav coach Branko Stankovic — once a pupil of Miljan Miljanic at Red Star Belgrade — and lost just two of their first 17 games. Galatasaray brought about the one defeat — at home — while the other was 1-0 away to Trabzonspor.

Stankovic cracked down on discipline, particularly with the younger players such as Ziya, Metin and Fikret whose delight in the city's night life was an open secret. Stankovic dropped them for three important games and they now appear to have got the message.

He relies on man-to-man marking and counter-attacks. But Besiktas, when Stankovic arrived, lacked confidence. Stankovic says: "My players are young and skilful but lazy. I am trying to develop good teamwork with hard work and in time that will solve everything."

Besiktas have lately looked better organised although they still rely too much on new Yugoslav striker Kovacevic whose ability in the air has brought him six goals and made him the club's top scorer. Necdet has scored five, and Metin and Fikret three each. Besiktas have scored 22 goals in all and conceded just nine.

One point behind Besiktas are Fenerbahce. Their manager Todor Veselinovic — Yugoslavia's team chief at the European finals last summer — has had many problems with unexpected injuries and the poor performance of key players. Selcuk, top scorer in the league in recent years recovered from a broken ankle only to go down with pneumonia. Now, after four months, he is at last fit again.

Senol, signed from Sakaryaspor, has found it difficult to adapt to his new team. His form has been appalling and in ten games he has scored just twice.

Another disappointment has been Ilyas Tufecki who started the season brightly with six goals but then lost form and was dropped. Now he is absent because of the demands of national service. That has left two more Yugoslavs — Repcic (five goals) and Pesic (four) — to carry Fenerbahce's attacking effort.

Fenerbahce didn't lose a match until the 12th game of the season when they went down in a shock 2-0 defeat against Sakaryaspor. This away defeat cost Fenerbahce their leadership of the first division and, in addition, they suffered the upset of having international goalkeeper Yasar sent off.

His "crime" was first to give away a penalty by tripping a Sakayaspor striker and then throwing the ball in his face. This was the same Yasar who conceded the eight goals against England — it just hasn't been his season.

After the game angry fans pelted each other with stones and nine were injured. Buses were stoned in the streets and Fenerbahce had their ground closed for one match.

As consolation, Fenerbahce won the Navy Cup tournament organised between the four teams of Istanbul. Fenerbahce defeated Sariyer 1-0, Galatasaray 2-1 and drew 1-1 with Besiktas. As for poor Galatasaray, they held Besiktas goalless, then crashed unexpectedly by 4-1 against Sariyer. Hosic scored a hat-trick against his old club.

Another defeat for Galatasaray . . . manager Jupp Derwall holds his head in his hands.

African Review of 1984

by Bob Pateman

THE YEAR 1984 was one which promised so much for African football with the Ivory Coast staging the African Nations Cup which had attracted TV sponsorship from Europe.

Two events however came close to spoiling what should have been the showpiece championships — the poor attendance after the elimination of the home side and the pathetic draw between Algeria and Nigeria.

At least the tournament proved that African has at least two first rate sides, Cameroun who won the tournament and Algeria who had to settle for a third place spot which was less than they deserved.

Some of the golden moments of the championships came from the new generation of young stars, particularly talented forwards such as Youssouf Fofanu who got Ivory Coast off to such a good start and Malawi winger Clifton Msiya who teased and destroyed the left side of the Nigerian defence.

No wonder that more and more African players are going to Europe. Once this was seen as a blessing, a chance for young players to learn about the professional game and return to spread their knowledge. Now however the exodus has reached such levels that there is real concern that it is draining the national teams of their best players and reducing the overall standard of play.

This was one of the two points AFC President Tessema emphasised during the Nations Cup. The other was that national and club sides, many of whom generate a considerable amount of money, should do more to develop their youth players. With the withdrawal of the East Europeans Africa had their best ever opportunity to do well in the Olympics but they blew it.

Cameroon, perhaps tired from the Nations Cup, were well beaten by an average Canadian side while Morocco's defeats to Brazil and West Germany were perhaps a little more understandable. Sadly Egypt, who did make the quarter finals, will only be remembered for their opening game which saw three of their players ordered off the pitch.

With two competitions over, the qualifying tournaments for two more, the 1986 Nations Cup and the World Cup got under way.

Morocco, 5-0 winners over Sierra Leone looked the best of the first round winners (Cameroon, Algeria and Ghana had byes) although Tunisia are very much back to form. Zambia, the new East African champions could be a good outside bet although they have the daunting prospect of meeting Cameroon in the next round.

One pleasing aspect of 1984 was the success of Angola, a war-torn nation whose government has no control over large areas of the country. Yet the national team eliminated a tough Senegal side from the World Cup while Primeiro de Maio produced the surprise of the year with their Champions' Cup defeat of holders Asante.

The two club championships created more than the usual amount of controversy. Gabon's FC105 were disqualified for fielding a player from another club, Gor of Kenya and Sanga Balende had their ties abandoned after their players had attacked the referee.

Both clubs received long bans which in Kenya brought heavy criticism that the AFC was bias towards the North African nations.

The Arab countries of course had their own problems in the finals, with the Libyan champions refusing to travel to Egypt. All this was a shame because the Champions' Cup produced in Zamalek the best African Club side I have yet seen and they would, I feel sure, hold a place in the English first division.

Shooting Stars of Nigeria inspired by the talented veteran Odesbami also produced some sparkling performances although they of course fell apart in the final. So all in all a good if not a great year for African football. Some progress, some disappointments and no lack of excitement and entertainment.

RANKINGS FOR 1984

1, CAMEROUN: As African Nations' Cup winners Cameroun could hardly be ranked anything other than first. They were an impressive side throughout 1984 adding the Six Nations Central African Tournament to their trophies as well as beating all comers in friendly games. The only disappointment was the Olympics.

2, ALGERIA: Looked at times the best team in the Nations Cup and went out of the competition on penalties without conceding a goal in four regular games. Friendly results included a 1-1 draw with European Nation Finalists Rumania.

3, EGYPT: Egypt were a disappointment in the Nations Cup where their defence looked surprisingly vulnerable. They did however reach the Olympic quarter finals and had friendly victories over Turkey and the East German Olympic squad. In addition they had a good win over Algeria in the final Olympic eliminator while their clubs took both the continents championships.

4, NIGERIA: A good year for the West Africans with the runners-up spot in the Nations Cup coming as a pleasant surprise. They held the tough Morocco side to a goalless draw over two Olympic qualifying ties but missed a place in L.A. on penalties. New Bank won the West African championships and Shooting Stars reached the final of the Champions Cup.

5, IVORY COAST: Ivory Coast built up an impressive record at the start of the season winning seven out of eight friendly matches played before the Nations Cup. In the competition itself they had a good win over Togo before things started to go wrong.

6, TUNISIA: Early disappointments which led to the selection of a new national team were forgotten by the end of the season which saw the North Africans beat Nigeria 5-0 as well as hitting six past Benin in their World Cup opening tie.

7, GHANA: Although off form in Abidjan, Ghana recovered to win the West African Championship. This, plus good victories in pre National Cup games, warrants them a top ten ranking.

8, MALAWI: A golden year for tiny Malawi who played well in their first Nations Cup and deserved more than their one point. They are also the most impressive looking team in the East African Championship which they lost on penalties.

9, TOGO: Outplayed in the Nations' Cup but scored some good early season results including a 2-1 victory over Ghana at a time when the holders were still favourites to regain their trophy. They were also runners up in the West African group championship.

Joint 10, SENEGAL: Had little luck in the World Cup where they lost to Angola. However they won the Amilcar Cabral Regional cup beating home side Sierra Leone. They also finished runners up in the Four Nations Tournament staged in the Ivory Coast prior to the Nations Cup.

Joint 10, ZAMBIA: An impressive World Cup win over Uganda and their first victory in the East African Chamionship made it a good year for Zambia.

EAST AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

WHEN the Supreme Council for African Sport recommended regional soccer championships be established they were ignoring the fact that the East African championship had existed since the 1930s and that it had grown to include many south-central nations such as Zimbabwe and Zambia.

For a while it looked as if a separate Central African championship would be established along the SASC recommendations but such plans appear to be fading and this year even Zambia, the most enthusiastic supporter of the new competition, returned to the East African championships.

Therefore although these yearly championships do not involve any of the continent's top nations they remain the largest and, because of their history, the most prestigious of the area competitions.

December 1: TANZANIA 1 UGANDA 1
The home team were by far the most impressive with the forward combination of Shaban Mwinda and Philip Omondi looking particularly dangerous. Indeed it was Mwinda who opened the scoring, a goal which looked likely to give Uganda both points. However Hilal Hemed scored a late equaliser.

December 2: MALAWI 2 KENYA 1 and ZAMBIA 2 ZIMBABWE 0.
With three of the favourite sides in action day two was bound to be decisive. Malawi confirmed their growing status with a win over Kenya, the winners for the last three years. Collins Pewe and Clifton Msiya scored the goals that avenged Malawi's defeat in last year's semi-final.

Meanwhile in group 'A' Zambia had an easy victory over a Zimbabwe side that was well under strength due to league commitments at home. Muma and Simkonda scored the goals.

December 3: ZANZIBAR 1 SOMALIA 2
Somalis 1-0 up at half-time, never looked likely to lose to the new experimental Zanzibar side. Mussa and Said Hassein scored for the winners, Mcha Khamisi hit a late goal for Zanzibar.

December 4: UGANDA 4 ZIMBABWE 1
A Ugandan side showing speed and skill destroyed Zimbabwe with two goals in each half.

December 5: ZAMBIA 2 TANZANIA 1 and MALAWI 1 SOMALIA 0
Zambia, with two goals in the first 20 minutes, beat Tanzania in an exciting end to end clash that was spoilt only by the number of players being booked. At the same time over at Mbale Malawi had a hard earned victory over Somalia thanks to a fifth-minute goal from Frank Sinalo.

December 6: KENYA 1 ZANZIBAR 1
A Kenyan team that desperately needed a win left it extremely late against a Zanzibar team who they always find difficult to beat. Joe Masiga and Ambrose Ayoyi gave the defending champion's attack plenty of width but a Zanzibar defence in which centre half Mohammed Rajab and goalkeeper Korosheni were outstanding looked worthy of a draw. In the 84th minute however full-back Hussein Kheri overlapped for Kenya and Ayoyi steered his high cross into the goal.

December 7: UGANDA 1 ZAMBIA 1
A draw between two evenly balanced sides just about confirmed both teams' passage through to the semi-finals. Nsubuga for Uganda and Mulala were the scorers with the Zambian goal coming from a penalty.

December 8: TANZANIA 2 ZIMBABWE 2 and KENYA 1 SOMALIA 1
The eighth days play saw two completely different games both produce draws. With group 'A' already decided Tanzania and Zimbabwe played at a half pace and the goals came more from a lack of conviction in the tackles than from the efforts of the forwards. Zimbabwe twice took the lead but a 78th minute goal from Lenny gave Tanzania a share of the points.

In contrast Somalia and Kenya fought each other to a standstill in their group 'B' games. A 1-1 draw after 90 minutes left the teams equal on points so the match went to extra time. When this too failed to separate them penalties were taken, Kenya winning 5-4 and with it a passage to the semi-finals.

December 9: MALAWI 1 ZANZIBAR 0
Malawi finished their campaign with a 1-0 victory over Zanzibar. Zanzibar fought all the way and only went behind from a 76th minute penalty.

SEMI-FINALS: ZAMBIA 2 KENYA 0 (AFTER EXTRA TIME) and MALAWI 2 UGANDA 0
For the first time in the tournament's history two central African nations battled through to the final.

Malawi confirmed their status as the tournament's favourites with a highly impressive win over a Ugandan side that, up to now, had looked quite impressive.

Lawrence Waya and Collins Pewe scored a goal each in the first half hour and the Malawi defence never looked like giving that lead away. In the other semi-final reigning champions Kenya fell in extra time to two goals from Philemon Mulala.

3rd and 4th place: Kenya 1 Uganda 3

Final: Malawi 0 Zambia 0 (0-3 penalties)
Two good teams fought each other to a standstill with the goalkeepers, Efford Chabala of Zambia and Dzimbiri emerging as the heroes of the day. Dzimbiri will particularly remember his moment of glory in the 84th minute when he saved a penalty from James Chilengi.

His opposite number, Chabala, however did even better in the penalty play-off saving the first two shots. Billie, the Malawi veteran who had such a disappointing game, sealed his teams' fate by hitting the third penalty wide of the goal.

Mike makes it in Egypt

From LOUISE TAYLOR in Cairo

MIKE EVERITT: Born at Clacton on January 16, 1941. Played for Arsenal (nine league games), Northampton (206), Plymouth (29) and Brighton (24) before turning to coaching. Worked with Brentford, Wimbledon and on the Leicester coaching staff before going to Kuwait, then Malaysia and now Egypt.

AS A player with Arsenal, Northampton, Plymouth and Brighton, Mike Everitt tasted soccer in all four divisions of the Football League. A managerial career at Brentford and Wimbledon, followed by coaching experience with Leicester got his wife used to the idea of regularly moving house. But even she didn't expect the stop after Filbert Street to be the Arabian Gulf. However when Leicester took a mid-season break in Kuwait Everitt was made an offer he couldn't refuse.

"At that stage I was disillusioned by English soccer and with the attitude of many First Division players especially."

He was quickly established as manager of a Kuwaiti League side. Apart from being lucrative financially the move paid dividends in personal terms — "we loved the ex-pat life"., Later stints in Fiji and Malaysia were to prove equally rewarding.

It therefore came as no real surprise to meet up with the peripatetic Everitt in Egypt. He's been in Cairo for four years now, the first two with leading Egyptian side Zamalek. Then disagreements with the club's president made his position with Zamalek untenable. Indeed the bags were packed for England by the time Everitt was poached by one of Zamalek's major rivals — the Arab Contractors club.

Owned by one of the wealthiest men in the Middle East — entrepreneur Osman Ahmed Osman, Contractors at only eight years old are a relatively young club. Everitt is therefore faced with a substantial challenge in trying to supersede the popularity and success of long established Egyptian League sides such as Zamalek and National or (Ahly). Osman Ahmed Osman is a man who does not take kindly to being second best.

However Everitt has risen to the challenge — a measure of his success so far is the fact that Contractors won the African Cup-winners' Cup and then were only beaten last season in the semi-finals by fellow Egyptian club National (managed at the time by Don Revie), who went on to take the Cup in a controversial rearranged final against Candu of Cameroon.

As Everitt concedes: "Contractors have slightly less good playing material than Ahly or Zamalek but we do have by far the best facilities."

Part of a superbly equipped sports complex — something rather out of the ordinary in Egypt — Contractors stadium has room for over 120,000 spectators — a capacity which has been realised on more than one occasion. Osman Ahmed Osman had his Arab Contractors construction company literally slice the top off a hill on the outskirts of Cairo to build his dream football club. It's therefore understandable that in return he expects this tribute to modern engineering to house the Middle East's leading side.

More immediately Everitts' task is to establish Contractors domestically. If the team could hit a winning streak there is little doubt that the fickle Egyptian public would soon switch allegiance from current favourite Zamalek and National. As Everitt says "everyone likes to back a winner but the Egyptians more than most".

While Don Revie believes that "all the best players are working class" Everitt is inclined to disagree: "In Egypt the better players tend to be the educated ones who read the game and know how to use their natural ability to the best effect. The Malesh thing isn't so much of a problem with them, they can see the advantages of success so they're prepared to work at their game."

All classes of Egyptian society are soccer mad. In terms of spectator interest enthusiasm for the game matches that in England before the onset of hooliganism, DIY and video.

Everitt acknowledges that "Egyptian ball skills are certainly very impressive. One advantage of the heat is that it dictates light training; the players can't keep running around all the time, so there is time to concentrate on skills. In England it's the opposite situation; the cold means that the players have to keep moving once a training session has started or else they're going to get chills. So the general emphasis tends to be on fitness and stamina."

Yet the Egyptian system has inherent drawbacks — "If they play abroad in a cooler climate the Egyptians lack the pace of the home side. Also they can't tackle because in Egypt the hard ground means that a sliding tackle causes grass burns, so our lads forget about tackling which means that against a European side they're going to come completely unstuck. Then there's the referees; some of the worst in the world, they almost all judge offside from the time that the ball is received than when it is played, it's terribly confusing for the players".

For these reasons Everitt is diplomatically "not too sure" about Egypt's World Cup chances in 1986. Meanwhile he dreams of combining the advantages of European soccer with the individial skills of some of his Egyptians.

Asia's Brazilian connection

MIDDLE EAST dominance of the 1984 Asian Cup — not since South Korea's triumph in 1960 has a Far East country won the trophy — once again underlined that Samba soccer has its merits writes GODFREY ROBERT.

Going Brazilian may not be the guarantee for sweet success in the cauldron of World Cup competition, but at least in Asia, where football is more mental than physical, the Latin American connection has its say.

Saudi Arabia, blessed with an overdose of luck in three previous encounters, churned out sound football interspersed with the artistic touches of class of the magical striker Mejed Mohammad to upstage the fleet-footed Chinese 2-0 in the Asian Cup final at the National Stadium in Singapore in December.

After 16 days of knife-edged encounters that sadly lacked the high standard seen in Europe and South America mainly because of the rain-riddled monsoon-muddled wet conditions, Saudi Arabia blew the trumpets of Middle East football for the 24th year running.

A partisan crowd of around 26,000 were silenced by goals from Shaye Al-Nafisah and Majed and when the beaming Saudi captain Saleh Al-Neayma raised the trophy high above as though to thank the heavens, his team-mates were probably conjuring up figures that would add up to a healthy monetary prize that was promised on their touchdown at Riyadh.

The Chinese demolition began as early as the 10th minute. Shaye volleyed on the turn and China's goalkeeper Lu Jianren was beaten all the way.

Then the effective Majed, in the mould of Brazil's Serginho, twice brushed aside the charge of Jia Xiuquan, breezed past the veteran centre-back Lin Lie Feng, checked a shot to deceive Lu Jianren and cheekily shot into a yawning net.

But the Saudis progress to the final was graced by the kind hand of providence as they scored unconvincing victories over Kuwait (1-0) and Syria (1-0) and snatched fortune-filled draws against Qatar (1-1) and South Korea (1-1).

In the semi-finals, they lived charmed lives to upset favourites Iran by the narrowest of margins, 5-4 on penalty kicks after a 1-1 deadlock at the end of extra time.

The match went beyond normal time only because Iran's star defender Shahin Bayani conceded an own goal just two minutes before regulation time.

The goal cancelled his brother Sharouk Bayani's 43rd-minute advantage and the Saudis carried the match through the 120 minutes to force the mandatory penalty kicks.

And by what seemed an act of injustice, Iran's normally-composed skipper Mohammad Panjali's nervously-taken spot-kick was the only miss — Saudi's steady goalkeeper Abdullah Al-Diayye making a brilliant save.

Group A: Kuwait 1-0 v Qatar, 0-1 v Saudi Arabia, 0-0 v S Korea, 3-1 v Syria; Qatar 1-1 v Saudi Arabia, 1-0 v S Korea, 1-1 v Syria; Saudi Arabia 1-1 v S Korea, 1-0 v Syria; S Korea 0-1 v Syria.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saudi Arabia	4	2	2	0	4	2	6
Kuwait	4	2	1	1	4	2	5
Qatar	4	1	2	1	3	3	4
Syria	4	1	1	2	3	5	3
S Korea	4	0	2	2	1	3	2

Group B: China 3-0 v India, 0-2 v Iran, 2-0 v Singapore, 5-0 v UAE; India 0-0 v Iran, 0-2 v Singapore, 0-2 v UAE; Iran 1-1 v Singapore, 3-0 v UAE; Singapore 0-1 v UAE.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
China	4	3	0	1	10	2	6
Iran	4	2	2	0	6	1	6
UAE	4	2	0	2	3	8	4
Singapore	4	1	1	2	3	4	3
India	4	0	1	3	0	7	1

Semi-finals: Saudi Arabia 5. Iran 4 on penalties after 1-1 draw (aet); China 1, Kuwait 0 after extra time.

Third place match: Kuwait 6, Iran 5 on penalties after 1-1 draw.

Final: Saudi Arabia 2, China 0.

Best player award: Jia Xia-guan (China). Best goalkeeper award: Abdullah Al-Diayye (Saudi Arabia).

Abdullah deservedly won the Canon Best Goalkeeper award at the end of the tournament, but still raging is the debate whether Saudi Arabia were the best team in the 10-nation competition.

WORLD CUP UNDER WAY

SINGAPORE'S 1-1 draw with North Korea as the Asian World Cup qualifiers got under way emerged from a match with one of soccer's most ironic twists.

Skipper Au-yeong Pak Kuan played the role of hero and villain when he scored the home team's penalty and then conceded a spot kick to allow North Korea to force a 1-1 draw in a World Cup qualifying match at the National Stadium in Singapore.

But the more than 12,000 home fans could swallow the disappointment of not seeing their team snatch full points purely because of the calibre of the opposition.

The North Koreans, the 1966 World Cup quarter-final sensationalist, boasted of coming back with a vengeance after a two-year enforced seclusion — the result of a two-year FIFA ban for assault on Thai referee Vichit during the 1982 Asian Games final in New Delhi.

The Korean expectations and anticipations fell far short as Singapore's Young Lions played above themselves to meet their challenge during the entertaining evening.

Penalised

Au-yeong, Singapore's tower of strength, put the home team ahead in the 36th minute after Indonesian referee H. Sudarso penalised Kim Guan Min for unfairly bringing down the island Republic's striker Tay Peng Kee.

And in the 61st minute, a cross by Choi Tae Un was instinctively handled by Au-yeong and Yu Song Chol obliged from the spotkick.

Said Au-yeong later in the dressing room: "It was a case of instinctive relfexes. The ball came right at my face and I had to ward off the blow with my right hand. It wasn't intentional and I'm sorry about it."

Despite the lapse, Au-yeong was voted Man of the Match. He gave a courageous display to marshal his team to prevent the world-class Koreans from riding roughshod over the underdogs.

Even England's former defender Paul Madeley, the legend of Leeds United, who watched the match, agrees with the decision.

He said: "For me he's (Au-yeong) a man who wants the ball, always wanting to get involved. And taking into account Singapore are a young side, he showed good leadership qualities. It's unfortunate that he had to give away that penalty in the second-half."

Singapore meet the Koreans in the return leg at Pyongyang on May 25. The other team in the group is Japan.

SAUDI ARABIA SURPRISES

SAUDI ARABIA are new Asian champions and as if this isn't enough to excite the fans the recently-started second half of the league season is likely to be the more demanding, and full of surprises than the first.

It will surely be close for the five teams at the top are separated from each other by a mere three points. And it would be demanding for the front-runners will be vying for every point to remain in the title race. While surprises, too, cannot be ruled out for the teams at the bottom of the table, facing a struggle for survival, will too be hoping to garner in some points in a bid to avoid the drop.

Leading the pack in the 12-team competition are Al Shabab of Riyadh followed by neighbours Al Hilal, defending champions Al Ahli of Jeddah — who have defied Brazil and hung on to coach Tele Santana — Al Ittihad also of Jeddah and Al Ittifak of Dammam. Hilal are only a point behind leaders Shabab, who have 18 points, and Ahli are third with 16 points. Both Ittihad and Ittifak have 15 points each but the Jeddah team is placed fourth on better goal difference.

Some of the teams will have a sharper tone in their second-leg run, due to the return of national team players. Particularly Hilal and Ahli will benefit. Al Nasr and Ittifak will also get some of their stars back, but their gains will not be as substantial as that of the other two teams.

Hilal emerge the strongest candidates for the premier crown after revitalising their system with the released stars. Ittifak and Nasr are likely candidates for pulling the rabbit out of the hat on a given day, but the championship battle is expected to revolve around Shabab, Hilal, Ahli and Ittihad.

Of the four, Hilal looks the most formidable. They have already shown a good attack and a dependable defence, evident from the 25 goals — highest by a team in the first leg — they scored and nine goals they conceded, and with the arrival of old hands, things can only get better. Shabab is the other team with a dependable defence, for they have conceded only eight goals and scored 20. Ahli and Ittihad have displayed a moderate attack and defence in the first run, and will have to shore up their defences if they hope to sustain their challenge. At the bottom of the table, fighting for survival, are Al Nahda, Al Wehda, al Ohed and Al Jublain.

YOMIURI, JAPAN'S DOUBLE CHAMPIONS

By GOTO TAKEO

DEFENDING champions Yomiuri FC of Tokyo, nearly failed to retain the Japanese championship under pressure from Yamaha Motors. Yamaha, at home, got the first goal against Mitsubishi in the 75th minute on the final day of the league championship when Yomiuri's home game in Kawasaki was still 0-0. That meant that Yamaha were one point ahead.

In the 82nd minute, however, when Yomiuri converted a penalty in their game, Yamaha's dream disappeared. Yamaha were even overtaken by Mitsubishi and lost both points on the day.

When the league had restarted after a long summer break only Nissan Motors, the Emperor's Cup holders and Yomiuri were seen as possible champions. Then, when Nissan lost star Kimura to a knee injury suffered during the international against South Korea in September, Yomiuri appeared well-poised to clinch the title.

However, Yomiuri's key players, including Ramos and Totsuka, the two top scorers and midfielder Yonashiro were suspended for all the remaining games after incidents in a game with Furukawa and next week, Yomiuri were defeated 0-4 by Honda, the heaviest defeat in Yomiuri's history in the first division.

On New Year's day, Yomiuri beat Furukawa — peacefully this time — with two late goals from Tosuka and Paterson in the Emperor's Cup Final.

Yomiuri are the first side to win the league championship two years in sucession since Yanmar won the title in 1974 and 75. The German coach Rudi Gutendorf became the first foreign manager to win both league and cup.

SEIKO'S SHIELD

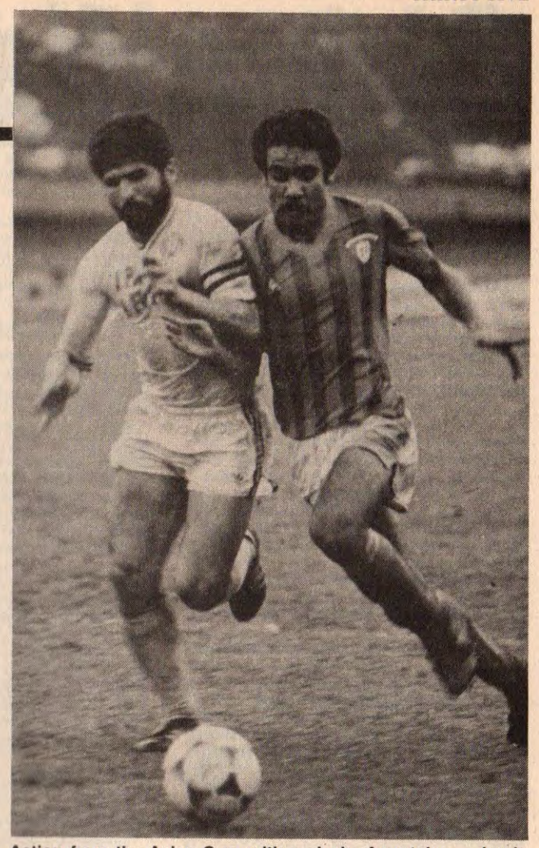
by Alister W. Coutts

SEIKO confirmed their supremecy in Hong Kong soccer by edging out Happy Valley 1-0 in the final of the Senior Shield. In an evenly contested match it took a Chris Guthrie goal 10 minutes from time to break the deadlock.

Rene Van der Kerkhof the former Dutch World Cup star gained possession on the right wing and raced to the byeline where he pulled over a superb cross straight to the head of Seiko's new signing from Roda JC Chris Guthrie. Guthrie made no mistake with a fine downwards header which evaded Shing Wa-luen in the Valley goal and crept in at the base of the post.

Referee Au Chi-shing booked five players in an extremely competitive match.

Happy Valley had recovered from their poor start to the season and were worthy opponents for Seiko. In their semi-final against South China the score had finished at 2-2 with Joe Mayo, Happy Valley's striker scoring the equaliser in the last minute of extra time. Mayo was not so fortunate in the replay as he was sent off early in the second half for an off the ball tussle with Koo Kam-fai of South China.



Action from the Asian Cup, with a clash of captains — Iran's Mohammad Panjali and Kuwait's Faisal Al-Dakheel.

In an extremely physical game the match progressed to the end of extra time with no goals.

In the end Happy Valley deserved their 6-5 on penalties thanks to the superb performance of their keeper Shing Wai-luen and some resolute tackling. South China had only themselves to blame for failing to capitalise on their chances. Both John Paskin and Chris Lynam had their chances but failed to put the ball in the net.

Chris McGrath played well in midfield for the Caroliners as did Cheung Chi-tak but they found it difficult to secure good possession against a Valley midfield which was well directed by Dave Wiffill.

In the other semi-final Seiko cruised past a disappointing Tung Sing and the margin of their victory could have been considerably greater than the 3-0 final scoreline. Seiko were lethargic throughout and did not increase the momentum of their game until Rene Van der Kerkhof was sent off in the 15th minute of the second half by Chan Tam-sun for violent conduct against Tung Sing's central defender Philip Reis.

The sending off seemed to galvanise the Watchmen into action and Graham Withey, Seiko's loan signing from Coventry, scored two goals in his farewell match to ease Seiko through to the final. Tung Sing concentrated on defence for long spells and only Ng Kam-wah and Jose da Silva seemed prepared to take on the Seiko defence. Ng Kam-wah in particular had a superb game and stands head and shoulders above his colleagues in individual flair and effort.

The league is rapidly developing into a two horse race between Seiko and South China at the half-way stage. Sea Bee started off brightly with Roddie Hutchison, formerly of Morton, playing well in midfield but his Hong Kong career came to an abrupt end when he was sent off for violent conduct in the match against Tsuen Wan. He has since returned to Scotland and been replaced with veteran midfielder Billy Semple who has played well in a team desperate to rival Seiko and South China in the quest for the championship.

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EUROPEAN INTERNATIONAL REVIEW

DECEMBER 17

Nicosia — friendly
Cyprus 1 (Tsikos 52)
Luxembourg 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 1,000.

The meagre 1,000-strong crowd who attended the Makarios Stadium saw Cyprus win their first senior international in nine years — since they beat Greece 1-0, also in a friendly. The only goal, this time, came from a header by Sotiris Tsikos. Jef Vliers's Luxembourg squad were making in Cyprus their first call on a tour which was also taking them to Israel and Turkey.

DECEMBER 19

Athens — WC Euro qual gp 1
Greece 0
Belgium 0
Att: 15,000. **Ref:** Fahnler (Aus).

Greece: Sarganis — T. Xanthopoulos, Karulias, Kirastas, Manolos — Alavandes, Saravakos, Vamvakulas (Kostkos 80) — Anastopoulos, Mitropoulos, Papaioannou.

Belgium: Munaron — Grun, Jaspers, Franki Van der Elst, Renquin, De Groote — Ceulemans, Scifo, Vercauteren — Czerniatynski (Voordeckers 62), Claesen.

A poor game containing few chances. The best two — one at each end — occurred within a minute in the second half. So the Greeks shut the door on Belgium's immediate challenge of going top of the group. In the 66th minute Greece were caught too far forward and Enzo Scifo went clear at the other end. Fortunately goalkeeper Sarganis managed to snatch the ball from his feet. He set in motion the move which would end with Mitropoulos heading against the woodwork. Poland remained top of the group ahead of Belgium because they had scored more goals.

Tel-Aviv — friendly
Israel 2 (Malmilian 48, Ohana 52)
Luxembourg 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 500 (five hundred). **Ref:** Frost (Is).

Israel: Haviv — Shirazi (Azulay 46), Barda, Cohen, Pizanti — Ekhois (Rosenthal 46), Turk (Kirast 87), Malmilian, Sinai — Armeli (Lasri 46), Ohana.

Luxembourg: Van Rijswik — M. Bossi, Scheuer (Scholten 61), Weis, Meunier — Girres, Barboni, Dresch, Malget (J. Schmitz 70) — Grimberger (Hoscheid 46), Juchem (Damiani 46).

A second tour defeat for Jev Vliers's Luxembourg but another useful home result for Israel, well aware that their attempt to squeeze into UEFA is looking more and more hopeful with every result gained against a European team.

DECEMBER 20

Ismailia — friendly
Egypt 0
Norway 1 (Seland 80)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Foed (Egy).

Norway: Ola By Rise — H. H. Henriksen, Hareide, Kojedal, Mordt, Ehil Johansen (Bjarnøy 30), Davidsen, Osvold, H. Thoresen, Berg (P. Henriksen 88), Vaadal (Seland 46).

Arne Seland, the rising star of Norwegian football, scored the late winner which set the European side up for victory against a useful Egyptian side who appeared well below par. Egypt used the fixture to help provide their players with extra experience in the bid to qualify for the finals of the 1986 World Cup.

Before the match several of the Norwegian players were suffering from stomach troubles and star goalkeeper Erik Thorstvedt had to pull out minutes before the kick-off. Deputy Ola By Rise had a fine debut in his place. Another player who was suffering was Egil Johansen, who had to be substituted after half an hour. Egypt were clearly better technically in the first half, when Norway were perhaps lucky not to go behind. But they grew stronger after the interval and Arne Seland snatched the winner with a fine shot to convert a pass from Start Kristiansan team-mate Kjetil Osvold. It was Seland's first goal for Norway at senior level.

DECEMBER 22

Tirana — WC Euro qual gp 1
Albania 2 (Josa 70, Minga 85)
Belgium 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Sanchez Arminio (Sp).

Albania: Musta — Rragami, Targaj, Hodja, Zmijani — Ocelli, Muca, Demollari, Minga — Kola, Josa.

Belgium: Pfaff — Grun, Jaspers, Renquin, De Groote — Franky Van der Elst, Scifo (Clijsters 46), Vercauteren, Ceulemans — Claesen, Czerniatynski (Voordeckers 60).

One of the biggest shocks of the 1984 international year was thus saved until right to the end with the Albanians completing an awful year for Belgian football. Albania included five of the players who reached last season's European under-21 quarter-finals and could have quickly taken a decisive lead. Fortunately Bayern Munich goalkeeper Jean-Marie Pfaff was in fine form and made two excellent saves to shots from Kola and Minga. Belgium, encouraged, slowly began to struggle back into the match and take a slight advantage. But manager Guy Thys had to substitute a tired-looking Enzo Scifo — shortly to be voted Belgium's Footballer of the Year — at the interval, and Albania then fought back. A goalmouth mix-up saw Josa shoot Albania ahead in the 70th minute, and with the Belgian defenders still blaming each other for a series of mistakes, Minga shot No. 2 with five minutes to go.

Istanbul — friendly
Turkey 1 (Ceyhun 39)
Luxembourg 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Yassarov (Bul).

Turkey: Arif — Mujdat, Kemal, Abdeulkerim, Senol — Metin, Hüseyin, Ceyhun, Semih (Aykut 75), Tuncay, Ridvan.

Luxembourg: Van Rijswick — M. Bossi, Scheuer, Weis, Meunier — Girres, S. Jentgen (Hoscheid 46), Barboni, Dresch (Damiani 46) — Juchem (Scholten 74), Malget (Wiltz).

Third tour match and third defeat for Luxembourg. Relations between players and manager Jef Vliers, the one-time Standard Liege fullback, had become so bad that on their return home Vliers was asked to resign by the federation although he still had two years of his contract to run. It wasn't immediately certain, though, that Vliers would step down.

DECEMBER 23

Nicosia — WC Euro qual gp 5
Cyprus 0
Holland 1 (Houtman 85)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 3,000. **Ref:** Dochev (Bul).

Cyprus: Constantinou — Kouis, Pantzarias, N. Pantzarias, Erotokritou, Miamiliotis — Yiangudakis, Mavris, Marangos — Tsikos, Savidis, Foti.

Holland: Van Breukelen — Boeve, Spelbos, Brandts, Wijnstekers — Valke, W. Van der Kerkhof, Gullit — Houtman, Van Basten, Van der Gijp.

Only a late, late goal from Feyenoord striker Peter Houtman brought victory for Holland — their first since the return of Rinus Michels as manager. Ironically this also proved probably his last match in charge. In January Michels suffered two heart attacks and it seems unlikely he will return to the Dutch manager's job.

JANUARY 9

Tel-Aviv — friendly
Israel 0
Greece 2 (Anastopoulos 23, Kofidis 65)
HT: 0-1: **Att:** 3,000.

Greece, much stronger and more direct than Israel, were comfortable winners of this tour friendly. The Greeks were looking ahead to their March World Cup date in Belgium and manager Papostolou acknowledged his "cautious satisfaction" with his team's display.

JANUARY 20

Cochin (India) — Nehru Cup 1st rnd
Iran 1 (Dayani 73)
Yugoslavia 3 (Baljic 37, 50, Mlinaric 75)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 40,000.

Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union were the two European nations who both sent their full national squads to the Nehru Cup tournament, now in its highly successful fourth year. Yugoslavia had few problems in their opening game with Iran, thanks to the outstanding example of Mirsad Baljic who was not only their best player in midfield but scored important goals either side of half-time.

JANUARY 22

Cochin — Nehru Cup
China 2 (Mai Thao 67, Wei Kei Sin 72)
Soviet Union 3 (Stukashov 14, 85, Litovchenko 31)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 47,500. **Ref:** Hakem (Ind).

China: Tang Jie Fu — Mai Thao, Ji Ji (Jiao Thun Gen), Iao Theng, Yang Don Ning, Then Dong, Guo Gi Jun, Wei Kei Sin, Vu Dum Ili, Ma Un, Un Thong Thang.

Soviet Union: Dassayev — Sulakvelidze, Borovski, Demianenko, Baltacha, Aleinikov, Gotsmanov, Litovchenko (Shavlo), Gavrilov, Protasov, Stukhashov.

Just like the Slavs, the Soviet Union began their Nehru Cup bid in India with a victory — though they nearly paid the penalty for overconfidence, having led 2-0 at half-time. There were only five minutes to go when Stukhashov ended a brave Chinese fightback by grabbing the winning goal.

JANUARY 23

Alicante — friendly
Spain 3 (Rincon 21, Butragueno 31 (pen) and 44)
Finland 1 (Lipponen 7)
HT: 3-1. **Att:** 36,000. **Ref:** Constaine (Bel).

Spain: Arconada (Zubizarreta 46) — Gerardo, Camacho, Maceda (Francisco 46), Goicoechea, Julio Alberto (Urtubi 73), Rincon, Senor (Roberto 73), Butragueno, Gallego, Rincon (Sarabia 27).

Finland: Huttunen — Lahtinen, Kymilainen (Tornvall 59), Europeus (Virtanen 46), Pekonen, Turunen, Houtsonen, Ukkonen, Iklininen (Valvee 54), Lipponen, Hjelm (Parikka 79).

An appropriate holiday seaside setting for a match with great British interest. Finland are in England's World Cup group and Spain in Scotland's. In fact, of course, for Spain this match was their all-important last warm-up before the World Cup return against the Scots. Spanish manager Miguel Munoz was without Rafael Gordillo, recovering from a knee operation, and winger Carrasco, slightly injured in a car crash after skidding on ice. But Spain still dominated much of the first half and while Finland took the lead through Lipponen, they didn't hold it long. Senor was to blame for Finland's goal. He failed to cut out a free kick from Ukkonen and though Mika Lipponen missed with his first effort, Kymalainen returned the ball to the middle for the Finland forward to score. That lead didn't last. In the 21st minute Gallego created a solo goal for Rincon and then Butragueno converted a penalty after he had been tripped by Europeaus. Butragueno scored Spain's third with a spectacular diving header to a return pass from Barcelona newcomer Rojo.

JANUARY 25

Cochin — Nehru Cup
Yugoslavia 2 (Hadzibegic 16, Zlatko Vujovic 84)
Soviet Union 1 (Larionov 11)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 60,000. **Ref:** Hakem (Ind).

Yugoslavia: Stojic — Zoran Vujovic, Baljic, Gudelj, Hadzibegic, Radanovic, Zlatko Vujovic, Sliskovic, Vokrri (Zivkovic 46), Bazdarevic, Pasic (Mlinaric 20).

Soviet Union: Biryukov — Sulkavelidze, Borovsky, Demianenko, Visnievsky, Zigmantovich, Larionov, Gotsmanov, Gavrilov, Dimitriev, Stukhashov.

Yugoslavia went top of their first round group with this victory, Faruk Hadzibegic was the star with a superb display in midfield and then the equaliser early on which prevented the Soviets — 1-0 up through Larionov in 11 minutes — taking control.

JANUARY 27

Tegucigalpa — friendly
Honduras 1
Denmark 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 7,000.

Allan Simonsen played an hour of this game — his first international since that leg break against France in the finals of the European championship last year. The Danes were on tour without any of their foreign-based players. This was the third tour game — previously they had lost 2-1 to the Mexican club Atlante, and then defeated a Honduras XI 3-0 in San Pedro Sula.

JANUARY 28

Cochin — Nehru Cup
Iran 0
Soviet Union 2 (Zigmantovich 52, Protasov 73)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Tharakten (Ind).

Iran: Tauni — Baiani, Hailo, Mirakhori, Paniali, Arabhati, Mokhtarifar, Baiani II, Peivas, Fatabahi, Cangiz.

Soviet Union: Dassayev — Sulakvelidze, Borovsky, Demianenko, Baltacha, Aleinikov, Zigmantovich, Litovchenko, Gavrilov, Protasov, Stukashov (Kondratiev).

This victory ensured the Soviet Union a place in the semi-finals though the lively and skilled Iranians made them work hard for it.

JANUARY 29

Cochin — Nehru Cup
China 1 (Lin 60)
Yugoslavia 1 (Zivkovic 63)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 35,000. **Ref:** Tharakten (Ind).

China: Vang Ye Tu — Khao, Ji Jun, Sheng, Don Ming, Hun Pen, Dong, Kek Xing, Ourlij, Lin, Zhong Hang.

Yugoslavia: Pudar — Zoran Vujovic, Baljic, Gudelj, Hadzibegic, Jozic, Boro Cvetkovic (Sliskovic), Gracan (Zlatko Vujovic), Zivkovic, Bazdarevic, Mlinaric.

Yugoslavia were already sure of their semi-final place before the start but even so they dominated the first half in the search for victory and goals. Hadzibegic, Zivkovic, Gracan and Bazdarevic all went close in the first half hour. The Chinese didn't trouble Pudar seriously until the 38th minute through Kek Xing. Yet it was China who scored first, on the hour, through midfielder Lin. Yugoslavia hit back immediately and Baljic and Cvetkovic set up the equaliser for Zivkovic. Both teams tired in the heat and with tempers starting to rise, Baljic was sent off 10 minutes from the end.

JANUARY 29

Montevideo — friendly
Uruguay 3 (Aguilera 37, Da Silva 78, Francescoli 84)
East Germany 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 63,000. **Ref:** Cardellino (Uru).

Uruguay: Rodriguez — Montelongo (Diogo 65), Gutierrez, Acevedo, Martinez — Barrios (Saralegui 75), Bossio (Pereira 70), Francescoli — Aguilera, Nadal (Santin 65), Da Silva.

E. Germany: Müller — Kreer, Trautmann, Dörner, Zötzsche — Stübner (Rohde 81), Liebers, Döschner — Minge, Ernst (Steinbach 46), Thom.

The South American champions found the East Germans hard-working opponents early on as they prepared for the start of their World Cup qualifying challenge. But the humidity, the greater skill of the Uruguayans and the visitors' lack of match fitness proved decisive in the second half. Uruguay manager Omar Borras included his key exiles and was rewarded with Da Silva — back from Spain's Valladolid — getting the second goal, and River Plate's Argentine league top scorer Enzo Francescoli securing the third.

Hamburg — friendly
West Germany 0
Hungary 1 (Peter 47)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 22,000.

W. Germany: Stein (Schumacher 46) — Berthold (Herget 80), Jakobs, K. Förster, Briegel (Frontzeck 46) — Littbarski (Mill 63), Matthäus, Magath, Thon (Kroth 46) — K.-H. Rummenigge, Völler.

Hungary: P. Disztl — Sallai, Roth, Garaba, Peter — Kardos, Nyilasi, A. Nagy, Detari — Kipprich (Bodonyi 65), Esterhazy (Poloskei 65).

The match was to raise money for families of victims of the Hamburg harbour disaster last October. But the West German team showed too much charity out on the pitch. The game raised £150,000 but also doubts about Franz Beckenbauer's handling of West Germany's international fortunes. Despite the presence of Italian-based exiles Rummenigge and Briegel, the Germans put up a depressing performance. Many of their players had been inactive because of the icy weather but that hardly appeared an excuse on an occasion when an international game should have found them rarin' to go.

Hungary had just spent three weeks in Spain and though that training camp had seen some problems of organisation and administration they well deserved their victory. Lajos Detari was their best player in midfield, far overshadowing the young hopefuls of Beckenbauer's "new era", such as Olaf Thon and Thomas Berthold. Recalled Felix Magath in midfield, in front of his own Hamburg fans, had a useful game and Werder Bremen striker Rudi Völler hit a post in the first half. But minutes after the interval Hungary had the game won. Poor covering and bad marking allowed left back Zoltan Peter to advance unchallenged up the left and into the penalty box to fire past Harald Schumacher. The goalkeeper had just come on as a substitute or he might have made a better effort at a save. There was nothing sinister in his appearing as a deputy — match organisers hoped that the original selection in goal of Hamburg's Uli Stein might help encourage out a few more fans.

JANUARY 30

Lisbon — friendly
Portugal 2 (Futre 10, Carlos Manuel 55)
Rumania 3 (Lacatus 56 and 77, Hagi 84)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 3,000.

Portugal: Bento (Damas 46) — Joao Pinto, Lima Pereira, Eurico (Oceano 46), Inacio — Jaime Magalhaes, Frasco (Quim 46), Carlos Manuel, Andre — Gomes (Jordao 46), Futre.

Rumania: Lung — Negrila (Lacatus 53), Nicolae, Stefanescu, Ungureanu — Rednic, Bölöni, Klein (Bozesan 77), Mateut — Coras (Hagi 82), Camataru.

Rumania, in England's World Cup group, emerged from their own winter break to score an excellent victory albeit in a game with little atmosphere because of the absence of fans. Portugal led at half-time thanks to a goal from their new wonderboy, Paolo Futre, and appeared to be coasting home when Benfica's Carlos Manuel made it 2-0 10 minutes into the second half after a blunder by goalkeeper Lung. Rumania showed the sort of spirit of which England must be aware later this year, however, when they hit back immediately. It was the disturbance caused by wholesale substitutions which sunk Portugal. A mistake by Oceano let in Lacatus for the first Rumanian goal and the Sporting defender blundered again — this time in confusion with goalkeeper Damas — when Lacatus equalised. Conversely, substitutions paid off for Rumania. Not only was Lacatus a replacement, but Hagi scored the winner just two minutes after entering the match.

OTHER MATCHES

Dec 5 (Arezzo): Arezzo 1 (Di Mauro 73), Poland 3 (Wdowczyk 23, Kaczmarek 58, Prusik 88). — (Valletta): Malta 1 (Muscat 72), Italy U21 2 (Vialli 38, Mancini 47 pen).

Jan 9 (Tel-Aviv): Israel U21 2, Greece U21 1. — (Benidorm): Den Bosch (Hol) 0, Hungary 1 (Kardos).

Jan 10 (Benidorm): Fortuna Sittard 1 (Philippen), Hungary 1 (Poloskei). — (S. Salvador): El Salvador 0, Köln 4.

Jan 12 (Tokyo): Japan 1 (Kimura 23), Bordeaux 2 (Müller 32, 43).

Jan 13 (Guatemala City): Guatemala 0, Köln 0.

Jan 14 (Moscow, indoors): TSKA 0, Sov. Union 5 (Gavrilov 4, Stukashov).

Jan 15 (Kobe): Japan 3 (Hara 34, Kimura 37 pen, 89), Bordeaux 0. — (Benidorm): Villayosa 2, Hungary 4.

Jan 16 (Benidorm): Benidorm 1, Hungary 7 (incl Detari 4). — (Tegucigalpa): Honduras 0, Köln 3.

Jan 17 (Benidorm): Hercules 1, Hungary 8.

Jan 18 (Tegucigalpa): Honduras 2, Köln 0.

Jan 20 (San Salvador): El Salvador 0, Köln 2.

Jan 22 (Espinho): Espinho 1 (Dario 59), Portugal 2 (Gomes 29, Carlos Manuel 60).

Jan 23 (Atlante, Mex): Atlante 2, Denmark 1.

Jan 24 (Valencia): Spain U21 0, Hungary 0.

Jan 25 (San Pedro Sula): Honduras XI 0, Denmark 3.

Jan 27 (Ploesti): Petrolul Ploesti 0, Rumania 1 (Hagi 24).

Jan 29 (San Salvador): El Salvador Lge 1, Denmark 1.

Jan 30 (Guadalajara): Jalisco XI 2 (Plascencia 21, 36), Bulgaria 1 (Sadakov 38).

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP

Group 1 — Oct 16 (Kraklow): **Poland 5** Kaczmarek 10,42, 64, Lesniak 2, Araszkiewicz 25) **Greece 1** (Nobials 57). **Oct 30** (Zamosz): **Poland 2** (Urban 56, 69) **Albania 0.**

Group 2 — Sept 11 (Sodertaeljie): **Sweden 1** (P. Larsson 44) **Portugal 1** Caetano 70). **Oct 13** (Pacos de Ferreia): **Portugal 0 Czechoslovakia 1** (Kuklik 87). **Oct 16** (Münster): **West Germany 1** (Thon 34) **Sweden o. Nov 13** (Montijo): **Portugal 0 Sweden 1** (R. Nilsson 84).

Group 3 — Oct 16 (Southampton): **England 2** (Waddle 2, Dickens 80) **Finland 0. Oct 30** (Isparta): **Turkey 1 Finland 1. Nov 13** (Bursa): **Turkey 0 England 8.**

Group 4 — Sept 28 (Zrenjanin): **Yugoslavia 1** (Asanovic 26 pen) **Bulgaria 2** (Stoinov 48, Pasev 72). **Oct 19** (Halle): **East Germany 1** (Linder 37 pen) **Yogoslavia 1** (Savevski 75). **Nov 20** (Auxerre): **France 2** (Fernier 46, 81) **Bulgaria 1** (Pashev 73). **Dec 7** (Lorient): **France 1** (Buscher 73). **East Germany 1** (Krauss 31 pen).

Group 5 — May 1 (Limassol): Cyprus 1 (Demosthenos 30) **Austria 1** (Streiter 49). **Sept 25** (Szombathely): **Hungary 2** (Poltar 9, Bognar 70) **Austria 0. Oct 16** (Breda): **Holland 1** (Bakker 86) **Hungary 0. Nov 13** (Krems): **Astria 0 Holland 0. Nov 17** (Pafos): **Hungary 3 (Zsinka 4, Plotar 54, 57) Cyprus 1** (Klentanou 59). **Dec 22** (Paralimni): **Cyprus 1, Holland 3.**

Group 6 — Sept 11 (Sandefjord): **Norway 3** (Jan Berg 42, Haberg 65, 88) **Switzerland 0. Sept 25** (Brondby): **Denmark 2** (Juul 16, O. B. Jensen 26) **Norway 2** (Jan Berg 65, Seland 67). **Oct 10** (Fredrikstad): **Norway 2** (Habrg 19, Seland 87) **Soviet Union 1** (Salimov 7). **Oct 16** (Neufeld/Bern): **Switzerland 1** (Zuffi 63) **Denmark 1** (Thychosen 58).

Group 7 — Oct 16 (Motherwell): **Scotland 1** (R. Aitken 47) **Iceland 0. Nov 13** (Dundee): **Scotland 0 Spain 2** (Eloy, Beguristain).

Group 8 — Oct 17 (Brussels): **Belgium 5** (Desart, Thans 2, Derouck, Mergan) **Luxembourg 1** (Grimberger).

SOUTH AMERICA

DECEMBER 4

Los Angeles (US)
El Salvador 2 (Hernandez, Rivas)
Guatemala 1 (Estrada)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 25,000.

Los Angeles (US)
Mexico 3 (Aguiree, Trejo, Flores)
Ecuador 2 (Denegri, Villafuerte)
Att: 25,000.

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From Colin Jose in Canada

Row over World Cup men

JUST imagine that Scotland have a very important series of World Cup qualifying games coming up this spring. Then suppose that all but a few of Scotland's top players are playing for English clubs, and that the English clubs are refusing to release them.

Add to this the fact that these players are not really playing soccer at all, but an indoor version of the game which is really a cross between soccer and ice hockey.

If you can imagine such an incredible situation then you will be able to understand how many of Canada's soccer fans and coaches are feeling as Spring approaches.

On April 13, Canada are due to play Haiti in Victoria, British Columbia in a World Cup qualifying game. Seven days later Canada must play Guatemala also in Victoria. The return games are May 5 in Guatemala and May 8 in Haiti. These games clash with the end of the regular schedule and the lay offs in the Major Indoor Soccer League in the United States, a league in which many of Canada's top players now play.

On top of this the climax to the MISL schedule clashes with the preparations of the United States national team attempting to win a place in the 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico. Not quite as badly off as Canada, the US open their World Cup schedule on May 15 against Trinidad.

Clubs in the MISL are under no obligation to release any of their players to play for the United States, let alone Canada, and as a result Canada, who missed qualifying for the last World Cup by one goal, are likely to field a weak team, while the US may have more of their better players available but little preparation time.

Bob Bearpark, assistant coach of the Canadian team said: "It's going to have a dramatic effect on our World Cup team. It's going to hamper our access to players such as Tino Lettieri, Bob Lenarduzzi, Gerry Gray, Mike Sweeney and Dale Mitchell. Chances are remote that we'll get them from the MISL clubs for the second qualifying round. Their MISL teams will still be in the play-offs."

US national team coach Alkis Panagoulias has already had one confrontation with the MISL over the release of players when, following the US win over the Netherlands Antilles, MISL clubs recalled 10 national team players on the eve of a four game national team tour.

"It is an incredible situation," said Panagoulias. "The thing our players still lack most is international experience, and where else will they get that experience . . . by playing indoors?"

All of this of course is related in part to the near-collapse of the North American Soccer League and the migration of some of clubs and many players to the indoor game as a means of earning a living. One can hardly blame the players, but surely in the best interests of the game there could have been better co-operation between the Major Indoor Soccer League and the ruling bodies of the game in Canada and the United States.

Ironically all of this controversy is centred in the United States the very country which went to great lengths to try to host the 1986 World Cup finals. Now perhaps for the first time in its history the World Cup must take a back seat to indoor soccer.

Maybe this shows that FIFA were right in denying the US the right to host the World Cup.

Meanwhile the North American Soccer League remains in a state of limbo, and it has became a question of whether Clive Toye can succeed in putting 'Humpty Dumpty' together again, when all the King's horses and all the King's men have already failed.

The man who built the New York Cosmos and then the Toronto Blizzard into top notch organisations faces a very difficult task as interim president of the NASL, following the death of Howard Samuels, while still retaining his position as Toronto chairman.

Currently the NASL has just four teams in membership — the Blizzard, Tampa Bay Rowdies, New York Cosmos and Minnesota Strikers, and the Cosmos and the Strikers are playing in the MISL this winter. There is talk of a new franchise in Charlotte, North Carolina and the possibility that the Golden Bay Earthquakes will be resurrected as the San Jose Earthquakes.

Tampa may yet fall by the wayside but there is still the remote possibility that the Vancouver Whitecaps can be saved and of a franchise in Seattle, while Detroit, Washington, Houston and Montreal are said to be under consideration.

While the decline in interest in the NASL seems to contrast sharply with the tremendous success of the Olympic Soccer Tournament it should be remembered that Americans have had a love affair with the Olympics for years and many of the people who attended the soccer games went to see an Olympic "event" rather than out of a love of soccer.

PROBLEMS IN ISRAEL

THE current Israeli football season has seen the game faced with enormous difficulties most of which derive from the severe general economic sitution. The biggest problem is the low attendances when several clubs fail to sell 1,000 tickets for a National League (1st division).

The most popular solution — both for the public and the FA — is organising two or three games in a row on one Saturday in one big stadium.

The "double header" has been a normal feature in Israeli football for many years as some of the grounds are shared by several clubs. But today some of the smaller clubs leave their home grounds and play on the bigger grounds as part of what is now called "a football marathon".

The gates go up but the loss of home advantage costs many a club valuable league points (three for a win as in England). Some other clubs, to draw bigger crowds invite women and/or children free when escorted by a paying man.

From ANDI THORNHILL in Barbados

It isn't cricket!

BARBADOS, an island of 166 square miles, a population of 270,000, the most easterly of all Caribbean islands is best known for cricketers such as Sir Garfield Sobers, Wes Hall and Charlie Griffith.

It is also highly regarded as a tourist resort. But this year it is also striving to make a name for itself in soccer when it hosts the Caribbean Football Union (CFU) finals at the country's lone stadium at Waterford. This will be a personal goal for the Barbadians as it will be the first time they have reached the final of an international tournament, albeit through automatic qualification as hosts.

The island's best performance to date in 13 years of international competition came in 1983 when it reached the second round of two tournaments, the Olympic Qualifying competition and the CFU Championships.

The task of putting on the Caribbean's biggest championship will not only be a test for the local players but also one for the administrators whose reputation at home has often come under harsh scrutiny by fans and players alike.

Only last year when they hosted a triangular tournament which also involved current CFU champions Martinique and Trinidad and Tobago, planning was so inept that they contrived to lose over 45,000 dollars.

The cost of organising the final and annual CFU congress has been put at $150,000. Where will they get the money from? Some of it is expected to be generated through sponsorship and the local Association says it expects to collect $115,000 in gate receipts. The Government has in recent years supported sports as well as it could in the face of a fragile economy and has promised to do all it can to help offset costs.

Martinique, as they confirmed in the triangular tournament last year, are a cut above the rest in the Caribbean area and should again be the team to beat. The French-speaking islanders who are still governed by the central Government in Paris, play with the same flair that the all-conquering French national side has exhibited over the past two years. Nothing or no one should stand in their way of picking up their third successive CFU title.

The home team will have partisan support but it has a poor reputation of not scoring goals so unless they improve in this crucial department, they will be again left to face the abuse of fans. Trinidad and Tobago, who have long aspired to make its mark on the game in the Central American and Caribbean zone but have failed miserably, will be expected to qualify along with either Guadeloupe, Antigua or St Vincent who have been runners-up in 1981 and 1982.

The outspoken event co-ordinator Nigel Harper said recently that it will be a major disaster if Barbados does not win the tournament but what he didn't say is that it will also be the end of the line for people of his ilk if the administrative sides does not come up to the mark.

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must be Juventus. The Italians are doing badly in the League, and qualification for Europe next season depends on their ability to win this Cup. Recently, when they beat Liverpool in the Super Cup, their foreign contingent, Michel Platini and Zigi Boniek, played prominent roles and I expect them to be equally devastating against Sparta Prague.

The Czechs had a purple patch last season, but this term they are not playing well, and made heavy weather of their tie in the last round against a poor Lyngby side.

The Bordeaux v Dnepropetrovsk tie is full of possibilities. Chalana, an expensive close season signing by Bordeaux, is plagued by injury, and is unlikely to be available, but the Tigana-Giresse midfield pairing might carry enough weight and class to see the French team progress. The Soviet side is a solid, clever outfit, but early March is the wrong time for them. No matter how many friendlies they might have played, there is no substitute for regular League football.

The weakest pairing in this quarter-final line-up is the clash between Swedish champions, IFK Gothenburg, and Greek club Panathinaikos, although the latter surprised Feyenoord in the first round. Gothenburg's victory on away goals against the Belgians, Beveren, was also a commendable result. Nevertheless, whoever wins this one — and the odds are even — will not go beyond the semi-finals.

Everton have a gift draw in he Cup-winners' Cup against the last remaining Dutch side in Europe, Fortuna Sittard. The English club is full of confidence just now, they have an excellent defence, a clever midfield, with Reid and Steven outstanding.

Fortuna's only name player is the veteran Franz Thyssen, and he alone cannot stop the "blue machine" from getting the necessary three goals in the home leg to ensure a semi-final spot.

Match of the round and the competition so far, is the Bayern Munich-Roma clash. Bayern lead the West German League tables, and their manager, Udo Lattek, is very keen to register a "double" this season. But his inexperienced forwards face a tough test against an Italian defence which is well organised, mean and artful. Roma do not score freely, but they are confident that two goals will be enough for them to account for Bayern.

Yet another intriguing tie is the one between Rapid Vienna and Dynamo Dresden. Celtic fans will never be convinced of Rapid's right to be in the quarter-finals, and the case was discussed at length in our February edition. Nevertheless, Rapid Vienna are there, and Dresden, narrow winners over Malmoe and Metz in previous rounds, will give them plenty of problems. An extremely well-matched tie which could go either way, but my money is on Dynamo Dresden.

That other Dynamo from Moscow should be too strong for the mediocre Greek side, Larissa, in the remaning tie, and an eventual Everton triumph in this field wouldn't surprise me.

England has a double chance in the UEFA-Cup, where Tottenham play Real Madrid, and Manchester United face the Hungarian provincial club, Videoton. Real's sensational 6-1 win against Anderlecht was just one of their excellent home performances, and it is likely that Tottenham will need a three goals' margin in the first leg at White Hart Lane to survive.

Videoton have an impressive array of scalps so far in this competition. They beat Dukla Prague, Paris St Germain and Partizan Belgrade. Their manager, Ferenc Kovacs, said: "I have seen Manchester United twice, home and away. they are a very strong side physically, they have some good players, and it is very difficult to play against them at Old Trafford. But I noticed some flaws as well, and if we can keep to our own style of play, we have an even money chance against them."

A great deal depends on Bryan Robson's fitness in this tie while Liam Brady and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge lead the Inter-Milan charge against Köln in a top-clash.

Most experts expect an Italian win here, but I have a hunch that Cologne might just have enough class to overcome a formidable obstacle.

Finally, the Zeljeznicar v Dynamo Minsk match completes this very strong field. Minsk only beat Sporting Lisbon on penalties, and this tie could be just as close-fought an affair, with perhaps Zeljeznicar the eventual winners.

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INTERNATIONAL RESULTS

*PART FOUR of **World Soccer's** European Results Sequence . . . compiled by LYNN JOYCE*

PORTUGAL

1979	May 9	Norway	W 1-0	Oslo	ECq
	Sep 26	Spain	D 1-1	Vigo	
	Oct 17	Belgium	L 0-2	Brussels	ECq
	Nov 1	Norway	W 3-1	Lisbon	ECq
	Nov 21	Austria	L 1-2	Lisbon	ECq
1980	Mar 26	Scotland	L 1-4	Glasgow	ECq
	Sep 24	Italy	L 1-3	Genes	
	Oct 8	USA	D 1-1	Lisbon	
	Oct 15	Scotland	D 0-0	Glasgow	WCq
	Nov 19	N. Ireland	W 1-0	Lisbon	WCq
	Dec 17	Israel	W 3-0	Lisbon	WCq
1981	Apr 15	Bulgaria	D 1-1	Porto	
	Apr 29	N. Ireland	L 0-1	Belfast	WCq
	Jun 20	Spain	W 2-0	Porto	
	Jun 24	Sweden	L 0-3	Stockholm	WCq
	Sep 23	Poland	W 2-0	Lisbon	
	Oct 10	Sweden	W 2-1	Lisbon	WCq
	Oct 28	Israel	L 1-4	Tel-Aviv	WCq
	Nov 18	Scotland	W 2-1	Lisbon	WCq
	Dec 16	Bulgaria	L 2-5	Haskovo	
1982	Jan 20	Greece	W 2-1	Athens	
	Feb 17	W. Germany	L 1-3	Hannover	
	Mar 24	Switzerland	L 1-2	Lugano	
	Apr 11	Brazil	L 1-3	Sao Luiz	
	Sep 22	Finland	W 2-0	Helsinki	EC
	Oct 10	Poland	W 2-1	Lisbon	EC
1983	Feb 10	France	L 0-3	Guimaraes	
	Feb 23	W. Germany	W 1-0	Lisbon	
	Apr 13	Hungary	D 0-0	Coimbra	
	Apr 27	Sov. Union	L 0-5	Moscow	EC
	Jun 8	Brazil	L 0-4	Coimbra	
	Sep 21	Finland	W 5-0	Lisbon	EC
	Oct 28	Poland	W 1-0	Wroclaw	EC
	Nov 13	Sov. Union	W 1-0	Lisbon	EC

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

1979	May 2	Denmark	W 2-0	Dublin	EC
	May 19	Bulgaria	L 0-1	Sofia	EC
	May 22	W. Germany	L 1-3	Dublin	
	May 29	Argentina	D 0-0	Dublin	
	Sep 12	Wales	L 1-2	Swansea	
	Sep 29	Czechoslovakia	L 1-4	Prague	
	Oct 10	Bulgaria	W 3-1	Dublin	EC
	Oct 31	USA	W 3-2	Dublin	
	Nov 21	N. Ireland	L 0-1	Belfast	EC
1980	Feb 6	England	L 0-2	Wembley	
	Mar 26	Cyprus	W 3-2	Nicosia	WCq
	Apr 30	Switzerland	W 2-0	Dublin	
	May 16	Argentina	L 0-1	Dublin	
	Sep 10	Holland	W 2-1	Dublin	WCq
	Oct 15	Belgium	D 1-1	Dublin	WCq
	Oct 28	France	L 0-2	Paris	WCq
	Nov 19	Cyprus	W 6-0	Dublin	WCq
1981	Feb 24	Wales	L 1-3	Dublin	
	Mar 25	Belgium	L 0-1	Brussels	WCq
	Apr 29	Czechoslovakia	W 3-1	Dublin	
	May 24	Poland	L 0-3	Bydgoszcz	
	Jun 3	Sweden	L 0-1	Stockholm	
	Sep 9	Holland	D 2-2	Rotterdam	WCq
	Oct 14	France	W 3-2	Dublin	WCq
1982	Apr 28	Algeria	L 0-2	Algiers	
	May 22	Chile	L 0-1	Santiago	
	May 27	Brazil	L 0-7	Uberlandia	
	May 30	Trinidad/Tobago	L 1-2	Port of Spain	
	Sep 22	Holland	L 1-2	Rotterdam	EC
	Oct 13	Iceland	W 2-0	Dublin	EC
	Nov 17	Spain	D 3-3	Dublin	EC
1983	Mar 30	Malta	W 1-0	Valletta	EC
	Apr 27	Spain	L 0-2	Zaragoza	EC
	Sep 21	Iceland	W 3-0	Reykjavik	EC
	Oct 12	Holland	L 2-3	Dublin	EC
	Nov 16	Malta	W 8-0	Dublin	EC

RUMANIA

1979	Feb 7	Bulgaria	D 1-1	S. Dimitrov	
	Mar 21	Greece	W 3-2	Bucharest	
	Apr 4	Spain	D 2-2	Craiova	EC
	May 13	Cyprus	D 1-1	Limassol	EC
	Jun 1	E. Germany	L 0-1	Berlin	
	Aug 29	Poland	L 0-3	Warsaw	
	Oct 14	Sov. Union	L 1-3	Moscow	
	Oct 31	Yugoslavia	L 1-2	Kosovska	EC
	Nov 18	Cyprus	W 0-2	Bucharest	EC
1980	Feb 16	Italy	L 1-2	Naples	
	Apr 4	E. Germany	D 2-2	Bucharest	
	May 16	Czechoslovakia	L 1-2	Brno	
	Jun 6	Belgium	L 1-2	Brussels	
	Aug 27	Yugoslavia	W 4-1	Bucharest	
	Sep 9	Bulgaria	W 2-1	Varna	
	Sep 24	Norway	D 1-1	Oslo	WCq
	Oct 15	England	W 2-1	Bucharest	WCq
1981	Feb 9	Bolivia	D 1-1	La Paz	
	Mar 11	E. Germany	W 2-1	Braila	
	Mar 25	Poland	W 2-0	Bucharest	
	Apr 8	Israel	L 1-2	Tel-Aviv	
	Apr 15	Denmark	L 1-2	Copenhagen	
	Apr 29	England	D 0-0	Wembley	WCq
	May 12	Hungary	L 0-1	Budapest	WCq
	Jun 6	Norway	W 1-0	Bucharest	WCq
	Sep 9	Bulgaria	L 1-2	Bucharest	
	Sep 23	Hungary	D 0-0	Bucharest	WCq
	Oct 10	Switzerland	L 1-2	Bucharest	WCq
	Nov 11	Switzerland	D 0-0	Berne	WCq
1982	Jan 31	El Salvador	L 1-2	San Salvador	
	Feb 4	Honduras	D 0-0	Tegucigalpa	
	Feb 12	Hunduras	D 1-1	Merida, Venezuela	
	Mar 24	Belgium	L 1-4	Brussels	
	Apr 4	Bulgaria	W 2-1	Sofia	
	May 1	Cyprus	W 3-1	Hunedoara	
	May 12	Argentina	L 0-1	Rosario	
	May 17	Peru	L 0-2	Lima	
	May 19	Chile	W 3-2	Santiago	
	Jul 14	Japan	W 4-0	Suceava	
	Jul 18	Japan	W 3-1	Bucharest	
	Sep 1	Denmark	W 1-0	Bucharest	
	Sep 8	Sweden	W 2-0	Bucharest	EC
	Nov 17	E. Germany	L 1-4	Karl-Marx-Stadt	
	Dec 4	Italy	D 0-0	Florence	EC
1983	Jan 29	Turkey	D 1-1	Istanbul	
	Feb 2	Greece	W 1-3	Larissa	
	Mar 9	Turkey	W 3-1	Tirgu Mures	
	Mar 30	Yugoslavia	L 0-2	Timisoara	
	Apr 18	Italy	W 1-0	Bucharest	EC
	May 15	Czechoslovakia	L 0-1	Bucharest	EC
	Jun 1	Yugoslavia	L 0-1	Sarajevo	
	Jun 9	Sweden	W 1-0	Stockholm	EC
	Aug 10	Norway	D 0-0	Oslo	
	Aug 24	E. Germany	W 1-0	Bucharest	EC
	Oct 12	Wales	L 0-5	Wrexham	
	Nov 8	Israel	D 1-1	Tel Aviv	
	Nov 12	Cyprus	W 1-0	Limassol	EC
	Nov 30	Czechoslovakia	D 1-1	Bratislava	EC

SCOTLAND

1979	May 19	Wales	L 0-3	Cardiff	
	May 22	N. Ireland	W 1-0	Glasgow	
	May 26	England	L 1-3	Wembley	
	Jun 2	Argentina	L 1-3	Glasgow	
	Jun 7	Norway	W 4-0	Oslo	EC
	Sep 12	Peru	D 1-1	Glasgow	
	Oct 17	Austria	D 1-1	Glasgow	EC
	Nov 21	Belgium	L 0-2	Brussels	EC
	Dec 19	Belgium	L 1-3	Glasgow	EC
1980	Mar 26	Portugal	W 4-1	Glasgow	EC
	May 16	N. Ireland	L 0-1	Belfast	
	May 21	Wales	W 1-0	Glasgow	
	May 24	England	L 0-2	Glasgow	
	May 28	Poland	L 0-1	Poznan	
	May 31	Hungary	L 1-3	Budapest	
	Sep 10	Sweden	W 1-0	Stockholm	WC
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1981	Feb 25	Israel	W 1-0	Tel-Aviv	
	Mar 25	N. Ireland	D 1-1	Glasgow	WC
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	May 16	Wales	L 0-2	Swansea	
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	May 23	England	W 1-0	Wembley	
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	Nov 18	Portugal	L 1-2	Lisbon	WC
1982	Feb 24	Spain	L 0-3	Valencia	
	May 23	Holland	W 2-1	Hampden Park	
	Apr 28	N. Ireland	D 1-1	Belfast	
	May 24	Wales	W 1-0	Hampden	
	May 29	England	L 0-1	Hampden	
	Jun 15	New Zealand	W 5-2	Malaga	WCf
	Jun 18	Brazil	L 1-4	Seville	WCf
	Jun 22	Sov. Union	D 2-2	Malaga	WCf
	Oct 13	E. Germany	W 2-0	Glasgow	EC
	Nov 17	Switzerland	L 0-2	Berne	EC
	Dec 15	Belgium	L 2-3	Brussels	EC
1983	Mar 30	Switzerland	D 2-2	Hampden	EC
	May 24	N. Ireland	D 0-0	Hampden	
	May 28	Wales	W 0-2	Cardiff	
	Jun 1	England	L 0-2	Wembley	
	Jun 13	Canada	W 2-0	Vancouver	
	Jun 16	Canada	W 3-0	Edmonton	
	Jun 19	Canada	W 2-0	Toronto	
	Sep 21	Uruguay	W 2-0	Hampden	
	Oct 12	Belgium	D 1-1	Hampden	EC
	Nov 16	E. Germany	L 1-2	Halle	EC
	Dec 13	N. Ireland	L 0-2	Belfast	BC

SOVIET UNION

1979	Mar 28	Bulgaria	W 3-1	Simferopol	
	Apr 19	Sweden	W 2-0	Tbilisi	
	May 5	Czechoslovakia	W 3-0	Moscow	
	May 19	Hungary	D 2-2	Tbilisi	EC
	Jun 27	Denmark	W 2-1	Copenhagen	
	Jul 4	Finland	L 0-1	Helsinki	EC
	Aug 5	W. Germany	W 1-0	Moscow	
	Aug 12	Greece	L 0-1	Athens	EC
	Oct 14	Rumania	W 3-1	Moscow	
	Oct 31	Finland	D 2-2	Moscow	EC
	Nov 21	E. Germany	L 1-3	Tbilisi	
1980	Mar 26	Bulgaria	W 3-1	Sofia	
	Apr 28	Sweden	W 5-1	Malmo	
	May 7	W. Germany	D 2-2	Rostock	
	May 23	France	W 1-0	Moscow	
	Jun 15	Brazil	W 2-1	Rio	
	Jul 12	Denmark	W 2-0	Moscow	
	Aug 27	Hungary	W 4-1	Budapest	
	Sep 3	Iceland	W 2-1	Reykjavik	WC
	Oct 15	Iceland	W 5-0	Moscow	WC
	Dec 3	Argentina	D 1-1	Mar De Plata	
1981	Feb 1	Venezuela	D 1-1	Merida	
	May 31	Wales	D 0-0	Wrexham	WC
	Aug 23	Turkey	W 4-0	Moscow	WC
	Oct 7	Turkey	D 3-3	Izmir	WC
	Oct 28	Czechoslovakia	W 2-0	Tbilisi	WC
	Nov 18	Wales	W 3-0	Tbilisi	WC
	Nov 29	Czechoslovakia	D 1-1	Bratislava	WC
1982	Mar 10	Greece	W 2-0	Athens	
	Apr 4	Argentina	D 1-1	Buenos Aires	
	May 5	E. Germany	W 1-0	Moscow	
	Jun 3	Sweden	D 1-1	Stockholm	
	Jun 14	Brazil	L 1-2	Seville	WCf
	Jun 19	New Zealand	W 3-0	Malaga	WCf
	Jun 22	Scotland	D 2-2	Malaga	WCf
	Jul 1	Belgium	W 1-0	Barcelona	WC2
	Jul 4	Poland	D 0-0	Barcelona	WC2
	Oct 13	Finland	W 2-0	Moscow	EC
1983	Mar 23	France	D 1-1	Paris	
	Apr 13	Switzerland	W 1-0	Lausanne	
	Apr 27	Portugal	W 5-0	Moscow	EC
	May 17	Austria	D 2-2	Vienna	
	May 22	Poland	D 1-1	Chorzow	EC
	Jun 1	Finland	W 1-0	Helsinki	EC
	Jul 26	E. Germany	W 3-1	Leipzig	
	Oct 9	Poland	W 2-0	Moscow	EC
	Nov 13	Portugal	L 0-1	Lisbon	EC

SPAIN

1979	Mar 14	Czechoslovakia	L 0-1	Bratislava	
	Apr 4	Rumania	D 2-2	Craiova	EC
	Aug 26	Portugal	D 1-1	Vigo	
	Oct 10	Yugoslavia	L 0-1	Valencia	EC
	Nov 14	Denmark	L 1-3	Cadiz	
	Dec 9	Cyprus	W 3-1	Limassol	EC
1980	Jan 23	Holland	W 1-0	Vigo	
	Feb 13	W. Germany	L 0-1	Malaga	
	Mar 26	England	L 0-2	Barcelona	
	Apr 16	Czechoslovakia	D 2-2	Gijon	
	May 21	Denmark	D 2-2	Copenhagen	
	Jun 12	Italy	D 0-0	Milan	ECf
	Jun 15	Belgium	L 1-2	Milan	ECf
	Jun 18	England	L 1-2	Naples	ECf
	Aug 24	Hungary	D 2-2	Budapest	
	Oct 15	W. Germany	D 0-0	Leipzig	
	Nov 11	Poland	L 1-2	Barcelona	
1981	Feb 18	France	W 1-0	Madrid	
	Mar 25	England	W 2-1	Wembley	
	Apr 15	Hungary	L 0-3	Valencia	
	Jun 20	Portugal	L 0-2	Porto	
	Jun 27	Mexico	W 3-1	Mexico	
	Jun 29	Venezuela	W 2-0	Caracas	
	Jul 2	Colombia	D 1-1	Bogota	
	Jul 5	Chile	D 1-1	Santiago	
	Jul 8	Brazil	L 0-1	Bahia	
	Aug 23	Austria	D 0-0	Vienna	
	Oct 14	Luxembourg	W 3-0	Valencia	
	Nov 18	Poland	W 3-2	Lodz	
	Dec 16	Belgium	W 2-0	Valencia	
1982	Feb 24	Scotland	W 3-0	Valencia	
	Mar 24	Wales	D 1-1	Valencia	
	Apr 28	Switzerland	W 2-0	Valencia	
	Jun 16	Honduras	D 1-1	Valencia	WCf
	Jun 20	Yugoslavia	W 2-1	Valencia	WCf
	Jun 25	N. Ireland	L 0-1	Valencia	WCf
1983	Jul 2	W. Germany	L 1-2	Madrid	WC2
	Jul 5	England	D 0-0	Madrid	WC2
	Oct 27	Iceland	W 1-0	Malaga	EC
	Nov 17	Rep. Ireland	D 3-3	Dublin	EC
1983	Feb 16	Holland	W 1-0	Seville	EC
	Apr 27	Rep. Ireland	W 2-0	Zaragoza	EC
	May 15	Malta	W 3-2	Valetta	EC
	May 29	Iceland	W 1-0	Reykjavik	EC
	Oct 5	France	D 1-1	Paris	
	Nov 16	Holland	L 1-2	Rotterdam	EC
	Dec 21	Malta	W 12-1	Seville	EC

SWEDEN

1979	Apr 19	Sov. Union	L 0-2	Tbilisi	
	May 9	Denmark	D 2-2	Copenhagen	
	Jun 7	Luxembourg	W 3-0	Malmo	EC
	Jun 9	England	D 0-0	Stockholm	
	Jun 28	Norway	W 2-0	Gothenburg	
	Aug 15	Norway	L 0-2	Oslo	
	Sep 5	France	L 1-3	Stockholm	EC
	Sep 26	Italy	L 0-1	Florence	
	Oct 10	Czechoslovakia	L 1-4	Prague	EC
	Oct 24	Luxembourg	D 1-1	Luxembourg	EC
	Nov 14	Malaysia	W 3-1	Kuala Lumpur	
	Nov 17	Singapore	W 5-0	Singapore	
1980	Apr 28	Sov. Union	L 1-5	Malmo	
	May 7	Denmark	L 0-1	Gothenburg	
	May 22	Finland	W 2-0	Helsinki	
	Jun 18	Israel	D 1-1	Stockholm	WC
	Jul 17	Iceland	D 1-1	Halmstad	
	Aug 20	Hungary	L 0-2	Budapest	
	Sep 10	Scotland	L 0-1	Stockholm	WC
	Sep 24	Bulgaria	W 3-2	Burgas	
	Oct 15	N. Ireland	L 0-3	Belfast	WC
	Nov 12	Israel	D 0-0	Tel-Aviv	WC
1981	May 14	Denmark	L 1-2	Malmo	
	Jun 3	N. Ireland	W 1-0	Stockholm	WC
	Jun 24	Portugal	W 3-0	Stockholm	WC
	Jun 29	Finland	W 1-0	Halmstad	
	Aug 12	Bulgaria	W 1-0	Uddevalla	
	Sep 9	Scotland	L 0-2	Glasgow	WC
	Sep 23	Greece	L 1-2	Salonica	
	Oct 14	Portugal	L 1-2	Lisbon	WC
	Oct 28	Saudi Arabia	W 2-1	Riyadh	
1982	Feb 20	Finland	D 2-2	Lahti	
	Feb 21	Finland	L 1-2	Lahti	
	May 5	Denmark	D 1-1	Copenhagen	
	May 19	E. Germany	D 2-2	Halmstad	
	Jun 3	Sov. Union	D 1-1	Stockholm	
	Aug 11	Norway	L 0-1	Oslo	
	Sep 8	Rumania	L 0-2	Bucharest	EC
	Oct 6	Czechoslovakia	D 2-2	Bratislava	EC
	Nov 13	Cyprus	W 1-0	Nicosia	EC
1983	Apr 27	Holland	W 3-0	Utrecht	
	May 15	Cyprus	W 5-0	Malmo	EC
	May 29	Italy	W 2-0	Gothenburg	EC
	Jun 9	Rumania	L 0-1	Stockholm	EC
	Jun 22	Brazil	D 3-3	Gothenburg	
	Aug 17	Iceland	W 4-0	Reykjavik	
	Sep 7	Finland	W 3-0	Helsinki	
	Sep 21	Czechoslovakia	W 1-0	Stockholm	EC
	Oct 15	Italy	W 3-0	Naples	
	Nov 16	Trinidad and Tobago	W 5-0	Port of Spain	
	Nov 19	Barbados	W 4-0	Bridgetown	
	Nov 22	Mexico	L 0-2	Morelia	

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World Cup RESULTS World Cup

1986 WORLD CUP
Qualifying rounds

EUROPE

Group 1 (Poland, Belgium, Greece, Albania)

17.10.84 Belgium — Albania 3-1
17.10.84 Poland — Greece 3-1
31.10.84 Poland — Albania 2-2
19.12.84 Greece — Belgium 0-0
22.12.84 Albania — Belgium 2-0
27. 2.85 Greece — Albania
27. 3.85 Belgium — Greece
17. 4.84 Albania — Greece
1. 5.85 Belgium — Poland
19. 5.85 Greece — Poland
30. 5.85 Albania — Poland
11. 9.85 Poland — Belgium

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Poland	2	1	1	0	5	3	3
Albania	3	1	1	1	5	5	3
Belgium	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
Greece	2	0	1	1	1	3	1

Group 2 (West Germany, Czechoslovakia, Sweden, Portugal, Malta)

23. 5.84 Sweden — Malta 4-0
12. 9.84 Sweden — Portugal 0-1
14.10.84 Portugal — Czecho 2-1
17.10.84 W. Germany — Sweden 2-0
31.10.84 Czecho — Malta 4-0
14.11.84 Portugal — Sweden 1-3
16.12.84 Malta — W. Germany 2-3
10. 2.85 Malta — Portugal
24. 2.85 Portugal — W. Germany
27. 3.85 W. Germany — Malta
20/21.4.85 Malta — Czecho
1. 5.85 Czecho — W. Germany
5. 6.85 Sweden — Czecho
25. 9.85 Sweden — W. Germany
25. 9.85 Czecho — Portugal
12.10.85 Portugal — Malta
16.10.85 Czecho — Sweden
16.10.85 W. Germany — Portugal
16/17.11.85 W. Germany — Czecho
17.11.85 Malta — Sweden

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sweden	4	2	0	2	7	4	4
W. Germany	2	2	0	0	5	2	4
Portugal	3	2	0	1	4	4	4
Czechoslovakia	2	1	0	1	5	2	2
Malta	3	0	0	3	2	11	0

Group 3 (England, Northern Ireland, Rumania, Turkey, Finland)

27. 5.84 Finland — N. Ireland 1-0
12. 9.84 N. Ireland — Rumania 3-2
17.10.84 England — Finland 5-0
31.10.84 Turkey — Finland 1-2
14.11.84 N. Ireland — Finland 2-1
14.11.84 Turkey — England 0-8
27. 2.85 N. Ireland — England
3. 4.85 Rumania — Turkey
1. 5.85 N. Ireland — Turkey
1. 5.85 Rumania — England
22. 5.85 Finland — England
6. 6.85 Finland — Rumania
28. 8.85 Rumania — Finland
11. 9.85 Turkey — N. Ireland
11. 9.85 England — Rumania
25. 9.85 Finland — Turkey
16.10.85 Rumania — N. Ireland
16.10.85 England — Turkey
13.11.85 England — N. Ireland
14.11.85 Turkey — Rumania

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	2	2	0	0	13	0	4
N. Ireland	3	2	0	1	5	4	4
Finland	4	2	0	2	4	8	4
Rumania	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Turkey	2	0	0	2	1	10	0

Group 4 (France, Yugoslavia, E. Germany, Bulgaria, Luxembourg)

29. 9.84 Yugoslavia — Bulgaria 0-0
13.10.84 Luxembourg — France 0-4
20.10.84 E. Germany — Yugoslavia 2-3
17.11.84 Luxembourg — E. Germany 0-5
21.11.84 France — Bulgaria 1-0
5.12.84 Bulgaria — Luxembourg 4-0
8.12.84 France — E. Germany 2-0
27. 3.85 Yugoslavia — Luxembourg
3. 4.85 Yugoslavia — France
6. 4.85 Bulgaria — E. Germany
1. 5.85 Luxembourg — Yugoslavia
2. 5.85 Bulgaria — France
18. 5.85 E. Germany — Luxemburg
1. 6.85 Bulgaria — Yugoslavia
11. 9.85 E. Germany — France
25. 9.85 Luxembourg — Bulgaria
28. 9.85 Yugoslavia — E. Germany
30.10.85 France — Luxembourg
16.11.85 France — Yugoslavia
16.11.85 E. Germany — Bulgaria

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	3	3	0	0	7	0	6
Bulgaria	3	1	1	1	4	1	3
Yugoslavia	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
E. Germany	3	1	0	2	7	5	2
Luxembourg	3	0	0	3	0	13	0

Group 5 (Austria, Hungary, Holland, Cyprus)

2. 5.84 Cyprus — Austria 1-2
26. 9.84 Hungary — Austria 3-1
17.10.84 Holland — Hungary 1-2
14.11.84 Austria — Holland 1-0
17.11.84 Cyprus — Hungary 1-2
23.12.84 Cyprus — Holland 0-1
27. 2.85 Holland — Cyprus
3. 4.85 Hungary — Cyprus
17. 4.85 Austria — Hungary
1. 5.85 Holland — Austria
14. 5.85 Austria — Cyprus
14. 5.85 Hungary — Holland

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hungary	3	3	0	0	7	3	6
Austria	3	2	0	1	4	4	4
Holland	3	1	0	2	2	3	2
Cyprus	3	0	0	3	2	5	0

Group 6 (Sov Union, Denmark, Rep Ireland, Switzerland, Norway)

12. 9.84 Rep Ireland — Sov Union 1-0
12. 9.84 Norway — Switzerland 0-1
26. 9.84 Denmark — Norway 1-0
10.10.84 Norway — Sov Union 1-1
17.10.84 Switzerland — Denmark 1-0
17.10.84 Norway — Rep Ireland 1-0
14.11.84 Denmark — Rep Ireland 3-0
17. 4.85 Switzerland — Sov Union
1. 5.85 Rep Ireland — Norway
2. 5.85 Sov Union — Switzerland
2. 6.85 Rep Ireland — Switzerland
5. 6.85 Denmark — Sov Union
11. 9.85 Switzerland — Rep Ireland
25. 9.85 Sov Union — Denmark
9.10.85 Denmark — Switzerland
16.10.85 Norway — Denmark
16.10.85 Sov Union — Rep Ireland
30.10.85 Sov Union — Norway
13.11.85 Switzerland — Norway
13.11.85 Rep Ireland — Denmark

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Denmark	3	2	0	1	4	1	4
Switzerland	2	2	0	0	2	0	4
Norway	4	1	1	2	2	3	3
Rep Ireland	3	1	0	2	1	4	2
Sov Union	2	0	1	1	1	2	1

Group 7 (Spain, Scotland, Wales, Iceland)

12. 9.84 Iceland — Wales 1-0
17.10.84 Spain — Wales 3-0
17.10.84 Scotland — Iceland 3-0
14.11.84 Scotland — Spain 3-1
14.11.84 Wales — Iceland 2-1
27. 2.85 Spain — Scotland
27. 3.85 Scotland — Wales
30. 4.85 Wales — Spain
28. 5.85 Iceland — Scotland
12. 6.85 Iceland — Spain
10. 9.85 Wales — Scotland
25. 9.85 Spain — Iceland

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	2	2	0	0	6	1	4
Spain	2	1	0	1	4	3	2
Iceland	3	1	0	2	2	5	2
Wales	3	1	0	2	2	5	2

Note: Runners-up of European Groups 1 and 5 to play-off home and away to decide one team for finals; runners-up of European Group 7 to play home and away against winners of Oceania/Israel group for one place in finals.

CONCACAF — First round

Group 1

29. 7.84 El Salvador — Puerto Rico 5-0
5. 8.84 Puerto Rico — El Salvador 0-3
16. 9.84 Neth. Antilles — USA 0-0
6.10.84 USA — Neth. Antilles 4-0
Canada walkover — Jamaica

Group 2

15. 6.84 Panama — Honduras 0-3
24. 6.84 Honduras — Panama 1-0
(Honduras 4-0 on aggregate)
Costa Rica walkover — Barbados

Group 3

5. 8.84 Antigua — Haiti 0-3
18. 8.84 Haiti — Antigua 0-1
15. 8.84 Surinam — Guyana 1-0
29. 8.84 Guyana — Surinam 1-1
Trinidad/Tobago walkover — Grenada

Second round
Group 1

24. 2.85 El Salvador — Surinam
27. 2.85 Surinam — El Salvador
3. 3.85 Honduras — Surinam
7. 3.85 Surinam — Honduras
10. 3.85 El Salvador — Honduras
14. 3.85 Honduras — El Salvador

Group 2

24. 4.85 Costa Rica — Trinidad/Tobago
28. 4.85 Trinidad/Tobago — Costa Rica
15. 5.85 US — Trinidad/Tobago
19. 5.85 Trinidad/Tobago — US
26. 5.85 Costa Rica — US
31. 5.85 US — Costa Rica

Group 3

13. 4.85 Canada — Haiti
20. 4.85 Canada — Guatemala
26. 4.85 Haiti — Guatemala
5. 5.85 Guatemala — Canada
8. 5.85 Haiti — Canada
15. 5.85 Guatemala — Canada

SOUTH AMERICA

Group 1 (Argentina, Colombia, Peru, Venezuela)

26. 5.85 Colombia — Peru
26. 5.85 Venezuela — Argentina
2. 6.85 Colombia — Argentina
2. 6.85 Venezuela — Peru
9. 6.85 Peru — Colombia
9. 6.85 Argentina — Venezuela
16. 6.85 Peru — Venezuela
16. 6.85 Argentina — Colombia
23. 6.85 Venezuela — Colombia
23. 6.85 Peru — Argentina
30. 6.85 Colombia — Venezuela
30. 6.85 Argentina — Peru

Group 2 (Chile, Ecuador, Uruguay)

3. 3.85 Ecuador — Chile
10. 3.85 Uruguay — Ecuador
17. 3.85 Chile — Ecuador
24. 3.85 Chile — Uruguay
31. 3.85 Ecuador — Uruguay
7. 4.85 Uruguay — Chile

Group 3 (Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay)

26. 5.85 Bolivia — Paraguay
2. 6.85 Bolivia — Brazil
9. 6.85 Paraguay — Bolivia
16. 6.85 Paraguay — Brazil
23. 6.85 Brazil — Paraguay
30. 6.85 Brazil — Bolivia

Note: All group winners qualify for the finals, plus the winner of a play-off tournament arranged thus:
Runners-up Gp 3 — Third Gp 1
Third Gp 1 — Runners-up Gp 3
Runners-up Gp 2 — Runners-up Gp 1
Runners-up Gp 1 — Runners-up Gp 2
Winners of these two pairings to play-off home and away.

AFRICA

1st Round

28. 8.84 Egypt — Zimbabwe 1-0
30. 9.84 Zimbabwe — Egypt 1-1
Egypt 2-1 on agg
13.10.84 Kenya — Ethiopia 2-1
28.10.84 Ethiopia — Kenya 3-3
Kenya 5-4 on agg
15. 7.84 Mauritius — Malawi 0-1
28. 7.84 Malawi — Mauritius 4-0
Malawi 5-0 on agg
29. 7.84 Zambia — Uganda 3-0
25. 8.84 Uganda — Zambia 1-0
Zambia 3-1 on agg
13.10.84 Tanzania — Sudan 1-1
27.10.84 Sudan — Tanzania 0-0
Sudan on away goals: 1-1 agg
30. 6.84 Sierra Leone — Morocco 0-1
15. 7.84 Morocco — Sierra Leone 4-0
Morocco 5-0 on agg
28.10.84 Benin — Tunisia 0-2
11.11.84 Tunisia — Benin 4-0
Tunisia 6-0 on agg
21.10.84 Ivory Coast — Gambia 4-0
4.11.84 Gambia — Ivory Coast 3-2
Ivory Coast 6-3 on agg
20.10.84 Nigeria — Liberia 3-0
3.11.84 Liberia — Nigeria 0-1
Nigeria 4-0 on agg
1. 7.84 Angola — Senegal 1-0
15. 7.84 Senegal — Angola 1-0
Angola 5-4 pens: 1-1 agg

2nd Round

Draw: Zambia v Cameroon — Morocco v Malawi — Angola v Algeria — Kenya v Nigeria — Egypt v Madagascar — Guinea v Tunisia — Sudan v Libya — Ivory Coast v Ghana.

3rd Round

To be played between June 1 and July 31.

4th Round

To be played between Sept 1 and Nov 15.

OCEANIA

3. 9.85 Israel — Taiwan
8. 9.85 Taiwan — Israel (in Israel)
21. 9.85 New Zealand — Australia
5.10.85 New Zealand — Taiwan
8.10.85 Israel — Australia
12.10.85 Taiwan — New Zealand (in New Zealand)
20.10.85 Australia — Israel
23.10.85 Australia — Taiwan
26.10.85 New Zealand — Israel
27.10.85 Taiwan — Australia (in Australia)
3.11.85 Australia — New Zealand
10.11.85 Israel — New Zealand

ASIA

First round
Group 1

Sub-Group A: Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Oman
22. 3.85 UAE — Oman
29. 3.85 Oman — Saudi Arabia
5. 4.85 Saudi Arabia — UAE
12. 4.85 Oman — UAE
19. 4.85 Saudi Arabia — Oman
26. 4.85 UAE — Saudi Arabia

Sub-Group B: Iraq, Lebanon, Qatar, Jordan
15. 3.85 Jordan — Qatar
15. 3.85 Iraq — Lebanon
22. 3.85 Qatar — Lebanon
22. 3.85 Jordan — Iraq
29. 3.85 Jordan — Lebanon
29. 3.85 Iraq — Qatar
12. 4.85 Qatar — Jordan
14. 4.85 Lebanon — Iraq
19. 4.85 Iraq — Jordan
21. 4.85 Lebanon — Qatar
3. 5.85 Qatar — Iraq
5. 5.85 Lebanon — Jordan

Group 2

Sub-Group A: Kuwait, Yemen AR, Syria
22. 3.85 Syria — Kuwait
29. 3.85 Yemen AR — Syria
5. 4.85 Kuwait — Yemen AR
12. 4.85 Kuwait — Syria
19. 4.85 Syria — Yemen AR
26. 4.85 Yemen AR — Kuwait

Sub-Group B: Bahrain, Iran, Yeman PDR
Dates to be fixed

Group 3

Sub-Group A: Malaysia, Nepal, Korea Republic
2. 3.85 Nepal — Korea Rep
10. 3.85 Malaysia — Korea Rep
16. 3.85 Nepal — Malaysia
31. 3.85 Malaysia — Nepal
6. 4.85 Korea Rep — Nepal
19. 5.85 Korea Rep — Malaysia

Sub-Group B: Thailand, India, Bangladesh, Indonesia
15. 3.85 Indonesia — Thailand
18. 3.85 Indonesia — Bangladesh
21. 3.85 Indonesia — India
23. 3.85 Thailand — Bangladesh
26. 3.85 Thailand — India
29. 3.85 Thailand — Indonesia
30. 3.85 Bangladesh — India
2. 4.85 Bangladesh — Indonesia
5. 4.85 Bangladesh — Thailand
6. 4.85 India — Indonesia
9. 4.85 India — Thailand
12. 4.85 India — Bangladesh

Group 4

Sub-Group A: China PR, Hong Kong, Macau, Brunei
17. 2.85 Macau — Brunei
17. 2.85 Hong Kong — China PR
20. 2.85 Macau — China PR
23. 2.85 Hong Kong — Brunei
26. 2.85 China PR — Brunei
1. 3.85 Brunei — China PR
6. 4.85 Brunei — Hong Kong
13. 4.85 Brunei — Macau
28. 4.85 Macau — Hong Kong
4. 5.85 Hong Kong — Macau
12. 5.85 China PR — Macau
19. 5.85 China PR — Hong Kong

Sub-Group B: Japan, Korea DPR, Singapore
19. 1.85 Singapore — DPR Korea 1-1
23. 2.85 Singapore — Japan
21. 3.85 Japan — DPR Korea
30. 4.85 DPR Korea — Japan
18. 5.85 Japan — Singapore
25. 5.85 DPR Korea — Singapore

Second round
1 July to 31 August 1985

Cup system (knock-out). Home and away matches to decide the four group winners:
Winner 1A v Winner 1B
Winner 2A v Winner 2B
Winner 3A v Winner 3B
Winner 4A v Winner 4B

Third round
1 October to 15 November 1985

Cup system (knock-out). Home and away matches to decide the two teams qualifying for the Final Competition 1986 in Mexico:
Winner Group 1 v Winner Group 2
Winner Group 3 v Winner Group 4

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